

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
AGENDA

- 1. Call Meeting To Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions**
 - a. Recognition of Poet Laureate Pat Ranzoni – Still Mill
- 4. Consider minutes of previous meetings**
 - a. 7-13-17 Council Minutes
 - b. 7-27-17 Council Minutes
 - c. 8-10-17 Council Minutes
 - d. 8-31-17 Council Minutes
 - e. 9-14-17 Council Minutes
 - f. 9-28-17 Council Minutes
 - g. 10-12-17 Council Minutes
 - h. 10-26-17 Council Minutes
 - i. 11-9-17 Council Minutes
 - j. 11-30-17 Council Minutes
- 5. Receive and review correspondence and documents**
 - a. Downeast Transportation – November 2017 Ridership Report
 - b. MMA Worker's Comp Fund – Membership Report 2017
 - c. Police Call to Verona – 12-07-17
 - d. MDOT Resurfacing Project – Route 15 Bucksport to Orrington
- 6. New Ordinances to Consider/Introduce**
- 7. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)**
 - a. Ambulance Write-off 2013-14 bills - \$38,132.63
 - b. Housing Committee – Meeting Update
 - c. Main Street Bucksport – Annual Report
 - d. Employee Health Insurance Coverage – Request for parity between Union & Non-union benefit
- 8. Agenda Items**
 - a. To approve Resolve 2018-29 to approve Disposal Rules for the Transfer Station.
 - b. To approve Resolve 2018-30 to approve Waste Disposal Permit Fees & Waste Disposal Tipping Fees -
 - c. To approve Resolve 2018-33 to approve write off of \$38,132.63 in ambulance charges for 2013-2014.
- 9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections**
- 10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds**

11. Town Manager Report

- a. Department Head Reports

12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits

13. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public

14. Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting

15. Adjournment

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. Call Meeting To Order

Mayor David Keene called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Joseph York, Paul Rabs, David Kee, David Keene, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin.

Members Absent: Robert Carmichael, Jr. & Sue Lessard

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - NONE

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings - NONE

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents

a. Letter to DEP re: Secondary Treatment Plant Compliance

Mayor Keene noted that the plant is meeting compliance goals.

b. Police Response to Orland, 6-27-17

Mayor Keene reported that this was the result of an agency request.

c. Downeast Transport Ridership Report June 2017

Mayor Keene explained that this report reflected bus and taxi ridership for June of 2017.

6. New Ordinances to Consider/Introduce

a. Shall an ordinance be introduced titled “Amendments to Appendix K of the Bucksport Town Code” such ordinance being for the purpose of establishing retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs as prohibited uses in the Town

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Kee to send to public hearing. Vote 6 - 0

b. Shall an ordinance be introduced titled “Amendments to Appendix K of the Bucksport Town Code and the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Bucksport such ordinance being for the purpose of bringing Appendix K into compliance with DEP Chapter 100 guidelines, make changes to dimensional standards and boundary lines in the DTS district and revise Timber Harvest Standards.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Stewart to refer to Ordinance Committee. Vote 6 - 0

7. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)

a. Wilson Hall Bid Results

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Stewart to table this item.
Vote 6 - 0

b. LED Project Bid Results

Councilor Stewart reported that one bid was received from Allard Electric and the Finance Committee recommended approval of the bid.

c. Backhoe Bid Results

Councilor Stewart reported that this piece of equipment is due for replacement in the CIP and that Finance recommended approval.

d. 21 Colby Crossing – Property Foreclosure

Dwayne Weston, record owner and Barbara Allen, property occupant attended and asked the Council not to go forward with selling the foreclosed property despite the fact that the time limit had expired. Property owned by Krystal Duda, abuts this property and has a legal dispute due to the location of a mobile home across the property line of 21 Colby Crossing. Parties were encouraged to try and work out an agreement before the Town was forced to sell the tax acquired property to settle the legal dispute without the Town incurring legal fees.

e. Pool Repairs Needed – Broken pipe

This item was tabled and work will be done in the off season to correct the problem.

8. Agenda Items

a. To adopt Resolve #2018-01 to approve Pay Requisition #22 for the Sewer Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$218,213.12

Motion by Councilor Gauvin seconded by Councilor Stewart to approve. Vote 6 - 0

b. To adopt Resolve #2018-02 to approve the 5 year lease purchase of a John Deere 310 SL Backhoe from Nortrax for \$100,000.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Stewart to approve. Vote 6 - 0

c. To adopt Resolve #2018-03 to award the bid for installation of LED fixtures/retrofits for the Town Office, and Public Safety Building, and Waterfront Walkway.

Motion by Councilor Kee, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote 6 - 0

d. To adopt Resolve #2018-04 to approve the sale of foreclosed property at Map 3 lot 1 at 21 Colby Crossing

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to table this item. Vote 6 - 0

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections

a. Michael Ormsby appointed as Marina Manager

Mayor Keene noted the hiring of Michael Ormsby as Marina Manager.

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds - NONE

11. Town Manager Report

The Town Manager's Report is hereby attached to this report and made part of the minutes

- a. Department Head Reports - See attachment

12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits

A Public Hearing will be held on July 27th to consider item 6-A from above.

13. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public

Stephen St. Peter noted that he is running for Town Council.

Melissa LaLonde representing Heart & Soul, gave an update of the group where almost two hundred fifty stories from people all over town have been collected saying what they love about Bucksport, and their hopes and dreams.

Chris Johnson spoke about the Great Pond Mountain Trust grand opening of trails on August 19th from 10:00 a.m.-Noon on their property on the Upper Long Pond Road.

Councilor Rabs reported that the Streets & Roads Committee held a meeting and are not going to pursue flags on poles on Main Street but would be putting a solar light on the flag at municipal office. He also reported that three gateway signs are in need of repair and that Signage should be included in one of the town's Capital Improvement Project funds.

14. Upcoming Public Hearings, Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting

Finance Committee meeting to discuss signage - July 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Ordinance Committee meeting to discuss timber harvest/appendix K/continue Chapter 2 - Wednesday, July 26th at 6 p.m.

15. Adjournment

*Motion by Councilor Kee, seconded by Councilor Stewart to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.
Vote 6 - 0*

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary*

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Keene at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Joseph York, Paul Rabs, David Kee, David Keene, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin, Robert Carmichael, Jr.

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - NONE

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings - NONE

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents

a. Meeting Minutes – 7-12-17 Sewer Treatment Plant Project

The Town Manager reported that the Treatment Plant project is going well and is on schedule and within budget.

b. Notification of dangerous tree on Tax Acquired Property at Map 32 Lot 60

The Town Manager explained that she had notified the record owner of the property at Map 32 Lot 60 that the tree needed to be removed.

c. Weekly Construction Memo 7-21-17

Olver Associates provides a weekly report of construction activity related to the treatment plant project.

d. Notice of Service – Bucksport Motel Properties, Inc., et al v Town of Bucksport

The Town has been served with a lawsuit related to the walkway eminent domain proceedings.

e. Sewer Discount Request – Deanne Sheehan

The Town Manager noted that the request to change rates for certain classes of customers would just result in other types of customer's bills going up.

6. New Ordinances to Consider/Introduce - NONE

7. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)

a. 21 Colby Crossing – Property Foreclosure – Continued

The Town Manager reported that the item was on the last agenda for discussion. The property has been in foreclosure since 2014. Abutting property owner Krystal Duda discovered that the lot line between her property and 21 Colby Crossing actually went through the mobile home at 21 Colby Crossing. As the record owner due to the property

tax foreclosure, Krystal Duda notified the Town of the problem. In order to avoid legal fees associated with resolving the problem, the Town gave record owner of 21 Colby Crossing Dwayne Weston thirty days to cure the foreclosure by paying all tax, costs, and interest on the property. Failure to do that would result in the Town selling the foreclosed property to Krystal Duda for all outstanding taxes, costs, and interest. The Town Manager met with Dwayne Weston the owner as well as Barbara Allen, his sister who occupied the premises at 21 Colby Crossing. They were encouraged to work out a plan with Krystal Duda or to pay the taxes to prevent the Town from disposing of the property. They did neither.

Krystal Duda stated that she has a legal dispute over line and has talked with the property occupant but nothing was resolved.

Councilor Stewart stated that the owners at 21 Colby Crossing had sufficient time to correct the problem to avoid the property sale and had not done so.

The Town Manager noted that 21 Colby Crossing is not the only property owned by Mr. Weston that is in foreclosure in Bucksport.

8. Agenda Items

- a. To adopt Resolve #2018-05 to approve Sewer Commitment for April 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Kee to approve. Vote 7 - 0

- b. To adopt Resolve #2018-06 to approve the Maine Municipal Association Voting Ballot for 2017 as recommended by the Nominating Committee

*Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve.
Vote 7 - 0*

- c. To adopt Resolve #2018-07 to approve the acceptance of LRAP funds in the amount of \$62,180 from the Maine Department of Transportation for the 2017-2018 year

*Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve.
Vote 7 - 0*

- d. To adopt Resolve #2018-08 to accept the FY 2016 SAFER Grant Award for 2 full-time positions for 3 years

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Kee to approve. Vote 7 - 0

- e. To adopt Resolve #2018-09 To establish six additional parking spaces on Main Street with signage indicating two hour parking

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Kee to approve. Vote 7 - 0

- f. To adopt Resolve #2018-10 to approve the use of one parking space in the municipal parking lot next to the House of Pizza for use as an electric vehicle charging station

Motion by Councilor Kee, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote 7 - 0

- g. To approve Resolve #2018-11 to approve the use of \$7,834.74 from Recreation Equipment Reserve for improvements to the Town Fitness Facility at the Jewett School

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve. Vote 7 - 0

- h. To adopt Resolve #2018-04 to approve the sale of foreclosed property at Map 3 lot 1 at 21 Colby Crossing

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Stewart to approve. Vote 7 - 0

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections - NONE

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds

- a. Sewer Quitclaim Deed – Sandi Megno & Brian Noyes – 9 Spruce Street

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Stewart to approve. Vote 7 - 0

- b. Tax Quitclaim Deed – Troy Cary & Terri Snow – 1005 Silver Lake Road

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve. Vote 7 - 0

11. Town Manager Report

The Town Manager's report is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits

- a. **Public Hearing on** Shall an ordinance be adopted titled "Amendments to Appendix K of the Bucksport Town Code" such ordinance being for the purpose of establishing retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs as prohibited uses in the Town

Mayor Keene opened the public hearing. No comments were received. Mayor Keene closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin seconded by Councilor Stewart to approve. Vote 7 - 0

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve a Vessel Liquor License for the American Cruise Line. Vote 7 - 0

13. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public

Councilor Kee offered congratulations to Pat Ranzoni on her book Still Mill and to all the contributions. He also indicated that a gentleman from a theater in Ellsworth had promised a drama school for Bucksport next summer.

14. Upcoming Public Hearings, Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting -

- a. Finance Committee meeting to discuss Truck Bids & Signs - August 10, 2017
6:30 p.m.*
- b. Appendix K - Public Hearing at next council meeting on August 10, 2017*

15. Adjournment

*Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Stewart to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.
Vote 7 - 0*

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary*

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor David Keene.

2. Roll Call

Joseph York, Paul Rabs, David Kee, David Keene, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin, Robert Carmichael, Jr.

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - NONE

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings

- a. Finance Committee Minutes 7-27-17

The minutes were reviewed by the Council.

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents

- a. Donation – Verona Wine & Design – Pool Repairs

A donation was made by Verona Wine & Design toward repairs needed at the Town pool.

- b. Olver Associates – Letter Sent in response to CSO Permit Requirements

The Town is asking for changes to be made to the draft five year CSO permit from the Department of Environmental Protection.

- c. Olver Associates – Letter to residents impacted by interceptor sewer inspection

Letters were sent to those whose property the sewer line crosses that goes from Hannaford to the Treatment Plant so they would be aware of the work that was to be done.

- d. Weekly Construction Memo 8-4-17

This report outlines work done for the prior two week period at the Treatment Plant project.

- e. Letter re: Hiring for personnel with Safer Grant

The Town received an unsigned letter outlining ideas for hiring the new personnel authorized by the Safer Grant

- f. Old Chapman Farm Grand Opening August 19, 2017

Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust will be holding a grand opening at the Old Chapman Farm and invites all to come and participate and see and use the trails.

6. New Ordinances to Consider/Introduce

- a. Shall an ordinance be introduced titled “Amendment to the Council-Manager Charter of the Town of Bucksport, Article 2 Town Council, Article 3 Administrative Officers and Employees and Article 7 Budget,” such ordinance being for the purpose of clarifying when an ordinance, order or resolve is required for actions taken by the Town Council; clarifying how proposed ordinances, rules and policies are submitted and acted upon by the Town Council; clarifying when public hearings are held; clarifying when an adopted ordinance, rule or policy becomes effective; clarifying how ordinances, rules and policies are codified; clarifying that matters pertaining to town departments, offices and agencies are acted upon by resolve and not by ordinance; clarifying that personnel rules are acted upon by resolve and not by ordinance and clarifying that financial matters are acted upon by resolve and not by ordinance.

This item was introduced for a public hearing at the next regular Council meeting.

- b. Shall an ordinance be introduced titled “Amendment to the Bucksport Town Code, Chapter 2 Administration,” such ordinance being for the purpose of changing the name of the chapter to clarify its purpose; reformatting the chapter, improving syntax; removing several outdated workplace safety regulations; clarifying employment classifications and benefits, updating the workplace smoking policy; and removing benefit conflicts with union contract provisions.

This item was introduced for a public hearing at the next regular council meeting.

7. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)

- a. **Downeast Transportation - \$900 error in appropriation request**

The Town Manager explained that Downeast Transportation had made an error in their Funding Request letter for the 17/18 budget in the amount of \$900.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Kee to take \$900 from undesignated fund balance to provide the additional funds to Downeast Transportation. Vote 6 - 1 Councilor York opposed

- b. **Wilson Hall**

The Council reviewed the bids for roof and window repair at Wilson Hall. One bid was received from Wayne Hanscom and the other from McLaughlin Builders. Both bids were over \$150,000.

The Town Manager said that the goal was to preserve the building but in the absence of a plan or developer, she did not see either proposal as cost effective.

Councilor Stewart suggested that it be put on the November ballot to let the people of the town decide.

Councilor Kee expressed concern that a light turnout might impact the results of the vote.

Mayor Keene reminded those in attendance that they came close to tearing down the building a few years ago. He believes that the roof should be patched and the cupola removed to preserve the building for future development.

Councilor York noted that anything over \$250,000 is required to be a ballot issue and he would like to see that be anything over \$100,000. He does not agree with putting so much money into that building.

Councilor Rabs stated that with no long term plan for the building, putting \$200,000 into it does not make sense. He did not agree with the idea of lowering the threshold for voter approval to \$100,000.

Resident Jim Morrison stated that a committee had been formed several years ago when this subject came up and it fizzled out. People had no interest in raising money to repair the building.

Enterprise Editor Don Houghton stated that an engineer would need to be hired in order to determine how any building renovations should be done.

The Town Manager was asked to get quotes on patching the Wilson Hall roof and removing the cupola and to check as to whether it was too late to get a non-binding referendum on the November ballot for this subject.

8. Agenda Items

- a. To adopt Resolve #2018-12 to approve purchase and outfit a new police cruiser with up to \$32,500 to be used from Police Equipment Reserve
Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote 7 - 0
- b. To adopt Resolve #2018-13 to approve the 5 year lease/purchase of a highway truck.
Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote 7 - 0
- c. To adopt Resolve #2018-14 to approve Pay Requisition #24 for the Sewer Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$215,124.30 to be paid from grant proceeds.
Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve. Vote 7 - 0

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds

- a. Quitclaim – 21 Colby Crossing to Krystal Duda

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve. Vote 6 - 1 Councilor York opposed

11. Town Manager Report

The Town Manager's Report is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

a. Department Head Reports

No questions were asked related to the Department Head reports.

12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits

- a. Public Hearing on** Shall an ordinance be adopted titled "Amendments to Appendix K of the Bucksport Town Code" such ordinance being for the purpose of bringing Appendix K into compliance with changes made to DEP Chapter 1000 Guidelines for Municipal Shoreland Zoning Ordinances in January of 2015, making changes to dimensional standards and to certain zoning boundary lines in the DTS District, and to revise timber harvest standards.

Mayor Keene opened the public hearing. No comments were received. Mayor Keene closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve. Vote 7 - 0

- b. Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve a vendor license for Terry Rowell. Vote 7 - 0**

13. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public

Resident Chris Johnson thanked the Town Manager for promoting the Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust project at the Chapman Farm.

Holly Ellis explained why they were not in compliance with town zoning ordinances in regard to their mobile home location. They asked for thirty more days to come into compliance.

Resident Chris White reported on the Heart & Soul program and its work, noted that the Marina staff was doing a great job, and also noted that the Public Works crew was doing a great job working on the Silver Lake Trails behind the town garage.

Wayne Hanscom asked about a reduction in his sewer bill for 14 Buck Street and was told to meet with the Town Manager to discuss it.

Resident Jim Morrison noted some road damage from the transfer station to the highway garage and asked what had caused it. Public Works Director Jay Lanpher

explained that it was from removing the old trailers at the transfer station. Mr. Morrison also asked who the ELAN group would be interviewing during their meetings here.

Councilor Rabs noted that our Police Officers need up-to-date bullet proof vests and that we cannot always count on grants to provide them.

Councilor York expressed his appreciation to people who come to the Council to discuss issues of concern.

14. Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 §405 (6) (H) to consult with the code enforcement officer regarding the prosecution of an enforcement matter pending in District Court

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to enter executive session at 8:09 p.m. pursuant to Title 1 §405 (6)E to consult with the Code Enforcement Officer and Legal Counsel. Vote 7 - 0

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to return to regular session at 8:50 p.m. Vote 7 - 0

Motion by Councilor Kee, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to give Holly Ellis a thirty day extension for completion of zoning ordinance requirements including power, septic and water before pursuing further legal action. Vote 6 - 1 Councilor York opposed

15. Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting

August 31st 6:00 p.m. - Finance Committee to discuss the solar proposal

August 31st 5:00 p.m. - Waterfront Committee to walk the waterfront and review needed repairs to the Town Dock, Marina and Fishing Pier

16. Adjournment

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Vote 7 - 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary*

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Keene at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Joseph York, Paul Rabs, David Kee, David Keene, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin, Robert Carmichael, Jr.

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - NONE

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings - NONE

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents

a. Verona Police Call – 8-7-2017

The Town Manager explained that it was an agency request for backup due to a possible jumper on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge.

b. WERU Letter re: Wednesday on Main

The Town Manager noted how successful this year's programs had been.

c. Verona Police Call – 8-13-17

The Town Manager noted that this call was also in regard to a possible jumper at the Penobscot Narrows Bridge.

d. Downeast Transportation, July Ridership

The Town Manager stated that this is the report for July for both the taxi and the bus service.

e. Weekly Construction Memo 8-18-17

This report outlines work done at the sewer treatment plant project.

f. Maine Municipal Association – Dividend Payments

The Town Manager reported that the Town had received a dividend check refund of \$7,497 for our good claims record.

6. New Ordinances to Consider/Introduce

a. General Assistance Ordinance Appendix Update(A-D)

Motion by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to set a public hearing at next council meeting for the General Assistance Ordinance Appendix Update.
Vote 7 - 0

- b. Shall an ordinance be introduced titled ‘Amendment to Appendix I Solid Waste Flow Control Ordinance’ - referral to the Ordinance/Solid Waste Committees
- c. Transfer Station Rules – referral to the Ordinance/Solid Waste Committees
- d. Transfer Station Fees – referral to Ordinance/Solid Waste Committees

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to refer items B, C, and D to the Ordinance/Solid Waste Committees. Vote 7 - 0

7. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)

a. Wilson Hall

Resident Larry Wahl indicated, that once someone takes ownership of Wilson Hall it is up to property owner to repair the building and keep it up to date.

Resident Jim Morrison noted that other buildings such as Harvey Haven, and the Elmac Motel were not on a list to be saved and that it is a lot of money to spend with no purpose in mind.

Brooke Minner, Director of Main Street Bucksport, offered to help write grants to stabilize the building. She is meeting with Maine Community Foundation tomorrow to discuss what is available.

Carol, a teacher at Eastern Maine Community College stated that the Town needs to preserve Wilson Hall instead of tearing down history, because history is very important. She suggested contacting EMCC to get help from construction students with work at Wilson Hall.

Cindy Wood asked that the Council remember that a lot of history in Bucksport needs to be retained because history is important and there has been much lost in past years.

John Paul LaLonde is encouraged by what people are saying in support of Wilson Hall. He is proud to live in Bucksport. It is another opportunity for positive action and he is confident that the Town can make a successful effort to save Wilson Hall.

Deborah Holmes stated that she sees value in saving the building. BACAS as a group is hoping to save Wilson Hall and has a plan for its use.

Leslie Wombacher, Chamber Director noted that a lot of groups are in support of saving Wilson Hall.

Gerry Hamburger stated that securing the roof and taking down the cupola was the first order of business.

Tony Sohns believes that if the Town can save it, within five-ten years it will pay off.

Brian Cough is in favor of saving Wilson Hall. He moved here in part for the historical value of the community.

Councilor Carmichael has a problem spending \$200,000, but if it can adequately be patched so the building is stable to buy time he is in favor of saving the building because of the character it adds to the town.

Councilor Gauvin is not in favor of spending \$200,000 but is in favor of securing the building.

Councilor Stewart is in favor of moving forward and preserving what we have and is in favor of fixing the building because history cannot be replaced.

Councilor York asked if it could be deeded to a group to get it off the books and back on the tax base. He also questioned the structural integrity of the foundation and noted that the outside bricks are intact and there is nothing inside the building. He would like to give it a little more time.

Councilor Rabs stated that it was his understanding that the building is double brick and very stable and that the foundation is good.

CEO Jeff Hammond reported that two structural evaluations had been done and the building is very sound. One small corner of the foundation needs some work, but the rest of foundation is very sound.

Councilor Rabs wants to get all facts. He believes in a fair process. He stated that removing the cupola and patching the roof may be the way to go with help from EMCC, students, and help with grants from the Main Street Group. There is a lot of energy surrounding this right now and he suggested putting a time limit like six months in place to see if grants are received to continue to work on the building.

Councilor Kee believes that public involvement is important to consider in deciding the future of Wilson Hall.

Larry Wahl read a letter he wrote regarding the history of Wilson Hall.

Mayor Keene said that the community has changed. In 2015 the Town got quotes to stabilize the building and had several discussions. It was one vote away from voting to tear down the building. He is in favor of making a small investment for stabilizing the building – spending a maximum of \$25,000, and then revisit the subject in another six months.

Mayor Keene also reminded the group that if State or Federal historical monies are used, the project would need to be done to historical specifications.

Councilor York questioned whether the building is in violation of any codes.

CEO Jeff Hammond stated that the property was not livable and needed repairs.

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Kee to go with McLaughlin builders from Medway to replace the roof and windows. Vote 1 - 6 Motion defeated

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor York to have the Town Manager get quotes to patch roof, remove cupola for an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Vote 7 - 0

b. Solar Energy Proposal

Councilor Stewart reported on the Finance Committee meeting regarding the solar energy proposal on Highway Garage with savings to be used on public works, swimming pool, ice rink, town docks and several other electric bills - over \$444,000 in savings, with no investment for the first seven years. Finance Committee recommended that this be put on the next agenda in a resolve for approval of the project.

Resident Don White started researching solar energy a year and a half ago and spoke with many municipalities who have worked with ReVision Energy and there were no negative reports associated with solar energy projects.

Councilor Kee thanked Don White for his research.

8. To approve Resolve #2018-15 to approve purchase a replacement photocopier for the Public Safety Building to be funded from Public Safety Building Reserve

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve. Vote 7 - 0

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections - NONE

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds - NONE

11. Town Manager Report

Town Manager's report attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits

- a. Shall an ordinance be adopted titled "Amendment to the Council-Manager Charter of the Town of Bucksport, Article 2 Town Council, Article 3 Administrative Officers and Employees and Article 7 Budget," such ordinance being for the purpose of clarifying when an ordinance, order or resolve is required for actions taken by the Town Council; clarifying how proposed ordinances, rules and policies are submitted

and acted upon by the Town Council; clarifying when public hearings are held; clarifying when an adopted ordinance, rule or policy becomes effective; clarifying how ordinances, rules and policies are codified; clarifying that matters pertaining to town departments, offices and agencies are acted upon by resolve and not by ordinance; clarifying that personnel rules are acted upon by resolve and not by ordinance and clarifying that financial matters are acted upon by resolve and not by ordinance.

*Mayor Keene opened the public hearing. No comments were received.
Mayor Keene closed the public hearing.*

- b. Shall an ordinance be adopted titled "Amendment to the Bucksport Town Code, Chapter 2 Administration," such ordinance being for the purpose of changing the name of the chapter to clarify its purpose; reformatting the chapter, improving syntax; removing several outdated workplace safety regulations; clarifying employment classifications and benefits, updating the workplace smoking policy; and removing benefit conflicts with union contract provisions.

*Mayor Keene opened the public hearing. No comments were received.
Mayor Keene closed the public hearing.*

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve items A & B. Vote 7 - 0

Councilor Steward thanked CEO Jeff Hammond for his work on these items.

- c. Pole Location Permit (3) Bucks Mills Road -2400' Church Road

Motion by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote 7 - 0

13. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public

Brooke Minner, Director Main Street Bucksport gave an update on the group's activities including a downtown clean-up with forty-nine helpers including twenty-five high school volunteers, a \$1,300 benefit dinner, and the arts festival was a great success with over one hundred fifty people attending. She also reported that the second annual Film Festival would be held the weekend of September 29th and that film would be shown on the sail of a 76' sailboat at the town dock as a free event.

Councilor Rabs asked if the landfill which has been capped could be used for a solar location.

Councilor Carmichael reported that he had hosted a meeting for all local groups to create for better communications between the groups.

Councilor Rabs reported that the Waterfront Committee at their recent meeting walked the waterfront. Benches had been power washed, there were eight new picnic tables and the white birches were trimmed back by the Lighthouse Arts Studio. It is proposed to add new fingers to docks and expand for four more large boats at the marina that would bring in \$10,000 more. Safety issues noted were that a corner of the parking lot needs to be fixed, the main docks need repair/replacement of broken boards and in future the road leading to Marina at the bottom where water puddles needs to be redone. The Marina roof is scheduled to be re-shingled.

Councilor Kee would like to see the marina docks expanded more toward the motel.

14. Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting

- a. Ordinance/Solid Waste Committee Meeting – Flow Control, Transfer Station Rules, Transfer Station Fees
 - 6:00 p.m. - September 14th Solid Waste Committee/Ordinance Meeting*
 - 5:00 p.m. - September 6th - Finance Committee Meeting to discuss a Micro Loan*

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.
Vote 7 - 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary*

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor David Keene.

2. Roll Call

Joseph York, Paul Rabs, David Kee, David Keene, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin, Robert Carmichael, Jr.

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - NONE

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings - NONE

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents

a. Verona Police Call – 9-01-2017

The Town Manager reviewed the report submitted by the Police Chief.

b. Downeast Transportation Monthly Ridership Report – August 2017

The Town Manager noted that the taxi usage was increasing on a monthly basis.

c. Free Pesticide Disposal Program Information

The Town Manager explained the State of Maine free program to get rid of Pesticides.

6. New Ordinances to Consider/Introduce - NONE

7. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)

a. Senior Center Director Proposal

Sue Ann Craig, Senior Center Director explained that the Senior Citizens are grateful for town support. However, they need more cash for program activities and she proposed cutting back her hours from 20 hours per week to 16 hours per week which would save approximately \$3,000.

Councilor Stewart expressed support for the program and suggested that she keep her hours at 20 and the Council find the additional \$3,000 to increase Senior Citizens budget line.

b. Chamber Update – 225 Festival – Leslie Wombacher & Shelby Wright

Chamber Director Leslie Wombacher expressed thanks to the Council for support of this year's Bay Festival. Everything was positive and the Chamber will be returning \$5,000 to the Town of the original \$40,000 donation. Vendors were thrilled with their profit. A lot of money was spent on the Waterfront, plus local businesses such as Verona Wine & Design, Crosby's, and Bookstacks all reported good sales during the event.

Shelby Wright, Festival coordinator told the Council that the Bay Festival was a great event and that her job was a pleasure. She indicated that future events will be easier to work with because of the success of this year in getting people engaged, and keeping them at the festival. This year was a bigger, better and bolder Bay Festival. Thank you so very much for allowing me to do the job

Councilors questioned the costs of entertainment, asked how much fundraising was done and expressed support for the successful festival.

Jim Morrison asked for a written copy of the festival Budget and Chamber Director Wombacher gave her copy to Jim.

c. Electric Service Installation – Additional Lots at Business Park

The Town Manager explained that an added eight lots had been made to the business park, the road had been built and paved and sewer and water lines had been added. However, electrical service needs to be added - Rich Rotella got a proposal from Winkumpaugh Line Construction for the added power lines.

d. Consent Agreement – Town & Miles Friedan & Alan Kelley-Hamm

CEO Jeff Hammond explained that in 2015 the property owners applied for a permit but a few months later a structure was built and no plumbing permit was issued.

e. Voting Delegate Credentials – Maine Municipal Convention Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to name the Town Manager as the alternate voting delegate with Councilor Rabs as the voting delegate. Vote 7 – 0

f. Wilson Hall

The Town Manager provided an update. The Code Officer Jeff Hammond and Larry Wahl, who has worked on Wilson Hall with Jeff, recommend not removing the entire cupola. Instead, they suggest taking the posted part off to reduce stress on the roof but make it possible for the cupola to be restored after repairs are done. There was a great deal of discussion surrounding this idea.

Resident Jim Morrison stated that he had been around the municipality with a petition asking people whether they support renovating Wilson Hall using tax dollars. He indicated that many people had signed the petition in opposition to doing so. However, since many had concerns about their names being made public, he did not turn the petition in to the Town Council.

Several other residents spoke in support of the idea of renovating Wilson Hall.

Code Officer Jeff Hammond reported that a \$500 donation was received last Friday.

Councilor Kee stated that he did not know what sort of repercussions people feared from having it known that they were in opposition to renovating Wilson Hall because everyone's opinion counted.

g. Ellis/Gross Mobile Home – Update

The Town Manager explained that the Code Officer is working with the property owners and it will be resolved without further litigation.

8. Agenda Items

- a. To adopt Resolve #2018-16 to approve contracting with ReVision Energy to provide solar panels at Town Garage.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Stewart to approve.

Vote 7 - 0

Resident Bruce Clement asked if the company is taking responsibility for the roof if any damage was done. The Town Manager responded that they own the system, if damage is done to property, they are responsible.

- b. To adopt Resolve #2018-17 to approve electric service installation at the business park from Winkumpaugh Line Construction at a cost of \$14,075 to be paid from Highway Construction Reserve.

Motion by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote 5 – 2, Opposed – Councilor Stewart & Councilor Kee

There were questions from the audience related to the cost of the project if the number of poles were reduced, and why CMP is not doing the work. Economic & Community Development Director Rich Rotella responded that Winkumpaugh can do the job more quickly and it is less expensive.

- c. To adopt Resolve #2018-18 to approve a consent agreement between the Town and Miles Friedan & Alan Kelley-Hamm

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve.

Vote 7 - 0

- d. To adopt Resolve #2018-19 to approve a reduction in hours for the Senior Center Director from 20 to 16 per week, with the appropriation balance remaining to be used for Senior Center programs

Motion by Councilor York, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to amend the resolution to keep the Senior Center Director hours the same and add \$3,000 to the budget. Vote 7 - 0

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections – NONE

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds

- a. Quit Claim Deed – 73 McDonald Street

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve.

Vote 7 - 0

11. Town Manager Report

The Manager's Report is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

- a. Department Head Reports

No questions raised on reports.

12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits

- a. Shall an Ordinance be adopted titled 'General Assistance Ordinance Appendix Update(A-D)

Mayor Keene opened the public hearing. No comments were received. Mayor Keene closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Stewart noted that these amounts are set by the State and that the Town has no flexibility in changing them

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote 7 -- 0`

13. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public

Resident Steve St. Peter noted that since the electric car charger had been installed that people have been using it.

Resident Nancy Minott gave a report on progress by Heart & Soul. Over 100 hours of work was just completed in the past month by volunteers. Two new volunteers have joined and John Paul LaLonde and Nancy Minott attended a seminar in Brunswick. She noted that everyone had heard about Bucksport and the good things happening here.

Councilor Carmichael attended the Induction ceremony for Chief Geagan as the incoming President of the Maine Chiefs of Police and congratulated the Chief on attaining that office.

Councilor Gauvin stated that he was pleased to see how much activity is happening in the Town even though the mill has closed.

14. Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting

Solid Waste – The Solid Waste Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. before the next council meeting on Sept. 28th.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Stewart to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Vote 7 - 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary*

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor David Keene.

2. Roll Call

Joseph York, Paul Rabs, David Kee, David Keene, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin
Member Absent: Robert Carmichael, Jr.

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - NONE

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings - NONE

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents

a. SS Roosevelt Museum

The Town Manager indicated that this should be reviewed and considered for funding in next budget.

6. New Ordinances to Consider/Introduce - NONE

7. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)

a. Municipal Review Committee – Candidate Nomination Form

The Town Manager explained that this was the annual search for candidates whom term expires; any councilor or citizen wishing to be nominated to be on the ballot for this committee should let Sue Lessard know.

8. Agenda Items

a. To approve Resolve 2018-19 to contract with Constellation Energy for electric costs for medium user and streetlight accounts for a three year period at a fixed rate of .0648/kw

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Stewart to approve. Vote 6 - 0

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections - NONE

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds - NONE

11. Town Manager Report

The Manager's report is attached and made part of the meeting minutes.

12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits - NONE

13. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public

Community & Economic Development Director Rich Rotella offered congratulations to Heart & Soul for being selected by Eastern Main Development Corporation as an important regional organization. He also noted that the Film Festival is happening this coming weekend. He thanked all the people who came to his dinner and auction last weekend in support of him and his family through his wife's illness. He quoted his father in saying that when he came to Bucksport, Rich's father did not lose a son – he gained a family.

Paul Rabs – Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Annual meeting was on September 24th at the school library. The touch a truck event was a major success and we wish to thank Darling's for sponsoring it as a fund raiser. 190 people took test drives and raised \$20 pet test drive.

Councilor Stewart discussed the broadband grant and the three ring binder, which has two of the three rings running through Bucksport.

14. Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting

- a. Streets & Roads – Request for Town ownership of Royal Ridge Lane
The Committee will meet on October 12 @ 6.00 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin seconded by Councilor Kee send the ownership of Royal Ridge Lane to Streets and Roads Committee. Vote 6 – 0

15. Adjournment

*Motion by Councilor Kee seconded by Councilor Gauvin to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.
Vote 6 - 0*

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary*

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Keene at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Joseph York, Paul Rabs, David Kee, David Keene, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin, Robert Carmichael, Jr.

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - NONE

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings - NONE

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents

a. 9-26-17 Police Call – Verona Island

The Town Manager explained it was a call related to a possible problem on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge.

b. Downeast Transportation – September 2017 Ridership

The Town Manager reported that taxi cab usage has gone up thanks to the efforts of the Senior Resource Committee.

6. New Ordinances to Consider/Introduce - NONE

7. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)

a. Royal Ridge Drive – Road Acceptance Request – Streets & Roads Committee Recommendation

Councilor Carmichael reported that more information is needed from the DEP on this matter and that the item is tabled until that information is received.

b. Wilson Hall

The Town Manager reported that Main Street Bucksport was working on grants, more donations are being sought, and a developer indicated they would be submitting a proposal for use of property for possible consideration at the next council meeting.

8. Agenda Items

a. To approve Resolve 2018-20 to approve acceptance of Royal Ridge Drive as a Town way.

This item was tabled until information is received from DEP.

b. To approve Resolve 2018-21 to approve the Sewer Commitment for the July 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017 quarter in the amount of \$198,915.06

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Stewart to approve. Vote 7

– 0

- c. To approve Resolve 2018-22 to approve Payment Requisition # 25 in the amount of \$32,503.03.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve.

Vote; 7-0

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections - NONE

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds - NONE

11. Town Manager Report

See Attached Report.

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Kee to approve the backhoe bid received as reported in the Manager's Report. Vote 7 – 0

12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits

Permits/Licenses - approval

- a. Repeal and Replacement of Appendix I Solid Waste Flow Control Ordinance to be introduced for a public hearing

Motion by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to hold a Public Hearing at the next council meeting for this item. Vote: 7 – 0

13. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public

Resident Steve St. Peter suggested that a Dog Park would be good for the Town of Bucksport.

Councilor Rabs reported that on Oct. 5th he attended the Maine Municipal Convention and participated in a session on Budget & Taxes, Change and Challenges. He said that the Town of Madison depleted most of their 1.4 million dollar fund balance, borrowed \$2.5 million cut \$600,00 from the school budget and cut jobs - claimed from crisis to future funding; same town size has a \$21.5 mil rate; Dover Foxcroft - issues were roads; people vote on funding and said no on roads so that they were forced to borrow 1.6 million for roads repair and have a 20.9 mil rate; Wilton - roads/sidewalks were not repaired, no reval has been done since 2006, no capital reserve accounts are budgeted and the sewer treatment plant deteriorated to the point where it cost \$10 million dollars to redo. Their mil rate is 20.65. Greg Louder of the Municipal Review Committee says the new FiberRight project will be open April 1st to accept municipal waste.

The Town Manager was asked at a recent meeting what makes Bucksport such a great community. She believes it is the people of this community that have gotten involved; and that attitude has been another key; all credit goes to leadership and citizens stepping up and looking for better, not negative thoughts.

Councilor Carmichael discussed that Heart & Soul were a group of committed people doing a tremendous things for the Town, that they had a great video produced and were continuing listening to stories, and identifying themes. Phase 2 training was held on September 16th. They are doing a great job in the process. October 17th the ADAPT meeting will be held at the Heart & Soul building. He offered kudos to Nancy Minott and the volunteers.

Councilor Kee noted that it is never one big thing, but down the pike it is little things that pave the way for bigger things. The town does not own site, but is working with AIM and when new business open their doors, people should stop by and wish them well.

Councilor York is interested in creating a recreation center for the Town of Bucksport and asked if there is there a grant for this type of project. Town Manager, Sue Lessard suggested working with the Town Recreation Committee and contacting Chief Geagan who is the Chairman of that Committee.

14. Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting

- a. Streets & Roads – Request for Town ownership of Royal Ridge Lane
Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on October 26th.*
- b. Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on October 26th to discuss the Historical Society Building Roof request.*

15. Adjournment.

*Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.
Vote 7-0*

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary*

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES**

1. Call Meeting To Order

Mayor David Keene called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Joseph York, Paul Rabs, David Keene, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin

Members Absent: David Kee, Robert Carmichael, Jr.

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - None

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings - None

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents - None

6. New Ordinances to Consider/Introduce - None

7. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)

a. Wilson Hall Proposal

Developer Richard Campbell gave an overview of his proposal for the Wilson Hall project. It would be an end of life, aging in place health facility with approximately twenty-four residents, and the property would be taxable and incorporate community needs. Persons involved would be Richard Campbell, contractor John Sites and Jenny Cook. – He asked for a 6 month developer agreement to put a package together. He would give an update to the Council once a month.

Councilor Stewart asked if roof would be ok for six months and Mr. Campbell and the Town CEO Jeff Hammond indicated that the roof should be fine for the coming winter. The next round of grant application for a Steeple Grant is May 1, 2018, and in the event that this proposal is not successful, the grant could still be obtained if the developer's agreement was for five months instead of six.

Councilor Stewart suggested making a resolve for a five month developer agreement with monthly updates to be provided, as well as a possible three month extension.

Brooke Minner, Main Street Bucksport Coordinator explained that the Steeple grant would be \$60,000 toward bell tower and requires matching funds and the grant is available twice year - Nov 1st and May 1st. She also noted that the Maine Community Foundation had a possible \$25,000 out there and there was the potential for another \$15,000 in grants also.

Jim Morrison – Questioned how many donations had been received. The Town Manager said she would provide that information to him after it had been looked up.

Motion by Councilor Stewart to add an item to the agenda, seconded by Councilor Gauvin. Vote 5-0

Motion by Councilor Stewart seconded by Councilor Gauvin to make a resolve to enter into a developer agreement "letter of intent" for five months with possibility of a three month extension. Vote: 5 - 0

b. Historical Society Request – Finance Committee Recommendation

Councilor Stewart reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed the request asking for \$5,000 to fix additional problems found when replacing the roof with grant and historical society funds. The Committee recommends taking the \$5,000 returned by the Chamber of Commerce from the 225th event funding.

8. Agenda Items

- a. To approve Resolve 2018-23 to approve the use of \$5,000 to assist in the roof replacement at the Bucksport Historical Society Building.

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve the Finance Committee recommendation. Vote 5-0

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections - None

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds - None

11. Town Manager Report

See Attached

12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits - None

13. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public

Business Owner Ed Rankin questioned solid waste disposal changes related to charging for tire disposal, limiting tire sizes. He is concerned that if you start charging for tires you will find them on the roadsides. He indicated that PERC in Orrington has new machine that will grind all sizes.

The Town Manager explained that the Flow Control Ordinance regarding solid waste will be voted on at the next Council meeting, but fees and rules for disposal will be voted on as resolves at a later date since fees and rules have been removed from the proposed ordinance.

Alvion Kimball informed the Council that the Downeast Acadia 3rd annual Tourism Symposium would be held November 9, 2017 at the Alamo Theater with the luncheon held at the Lighthouse Arts Studio.

14. Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting

The next Ordinance Committee to discuss signs by the bridge including the "the banners" will be held at 6:30 p.m. on November 9th.

Streets & Roads will be held on November 9th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Royal Ridge Lane road acceptance.

15. Adjournment

*Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.
Vote 5-0*

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary*

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES

1. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor David Keene.

2. Roll Call

Joseph York, Paul Rabs, David Kee, David Keene, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin, Robert Carmichael, Jr.

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - None

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings - None

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents

- a. Safety Enhancement Grant Approval – Vehicle Prison Transport Cage for Police Cruiser

Motion by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote 7 – 0.

- b. Downeast Transportation – October 2017 Ridership

Mayor Keene reviewed the October report and resident Chris Johnson noted that there had been a good article in the Ellsworth American about the bus service in Bucksport.

- c. Letter of Support Rural Manufacturing Development Assistance Program

Mayor Keene noted that the Town Manager had written a letter of support to state legislators.

6. New Ordinances to Consider/Introduce - None

7. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)

- a. Heart & Soul – Program Update/Funding Request

Nancy Minot, Bucksport Coordinator for Heart & Soul presented information on all the work that has been done by Heart & Soul as well as plans for the remaining work to be done to completion and explained the request for additional funding to complete the program by March of 2018. Melissa LaLonde also spoke about the work of Heart & Soul and the importance of completing it. Councilors discussed the work done by the group. It was noted that no one could say that they did not have the opportunity to participate if they chose to do so. Councilors noted that work done by the group could provide information for the Council to use when it makes decisions. The bulk of the money requested is to keep the coordinator position going through March of 2018. Leslie Rabs, John Paul LaLonde and Chris White also spoke in favor of funding the continuation of this work through March of 2018

b. Royal Ridge Lane – Road/storm water management acceptance

Councilor Carmichael reported that the Streets & Roads Committee had met and reviewed information from DEP and the Public Works director and were recommending approval of the road acceptance.

c. Decorating Committee Request

Chris Grindle of the Decorating Committee presented the backup for the funding request for this year's holiday decorations. Funds were very limited due to the purchase of new tree baskets last year.

d. Upper Long Pond – Property Owner Concern re: Ordinance Requirements –

Property owners did not attend the meeting.

8. Agenda Items

a. To approve Resolve 2018-25 to approve the Municipal Review Election Ballot for the election of (3) Directors to serve from January 1, 2018 – December 30, 2020.

Motion by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve.

Vote 7-0.

b. To approve Resolve 2018-26 to approve the sale of the 2008 Trackless and attachments to high bidder Mark Freeman for \$5,500

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve.

Vote 7-0.

c. To approve Resolve 2018-27 to approve Decorating Committee funding for the 2017 Holiday Season

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Stewart to approve. Vote 7-

0.

d. To approve Resolve 2018-28 to approve up to \$8,000 in funding to complete the Heart & Soul Project

Motion by Councilor Kee, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve. Vote 7-

0.

e. To approve Resolve 2018-20 to approve of acceptance of Royal Ridge Lane as a town way amend motion to include a deed/easement

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve.

Vote; 7-0.

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections - None

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds - None

11. Town Manager Report

a. Department Head Reports - *No discussion*

12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits

a. Shall an Ordinance be adopted titled, "Repeal and Replacement of Appendix I Solid Waste Flow Control Ordinance"

Code Officer Jeff Hammond explained that it removed rules/fees for the transfer station from the ordinance and put them elsewhere in the Town Code. No other major changes were made. Mayor Keene opened the public hearing. No comments were made. The Public hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote: 7-0.

b. Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Stewart to approve a liquor license for Friars' Brewhouse. Vote 7 – 0.

13. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public

Resident Steve St. Peter suggested lowering the price of the property at 27 Main Street to get someone to buy it. Mayor Keene responded that the price was open to negotiation.

Resident Chris Johnson thanked the Town Clerk for a well-run election.

Community & Economic Development Director noted that Mary Mayhew would be in town meeting with businesses and the Town on November 14th.

Councilor Stewart noted that the Economic Development Committee would be meeting next Tuesday at 5pm to discuss the ADAPT update; broad band, etc.

John Paul LaLonde reminded everyone that there was a meeting at 5:30 p.m. on November 14th at MacLeod's to meet with the Main St coordinator about plans for the holiday season.

Robert Carmichael thanked Jane Donnell for the pictures and signs.

Mayor Keene indicated he would like to get a group of people together that are interested in renovations to the historical society building, and maybe making a place for a small paper museum in that building.

14. Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting - None

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Vote 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary*

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES**

1. Call Meeting To Order

Mayor David Keene called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Paul Rabs, David Kee, David Keene, Peter Stewart, Paul Gauvin, Robert Carmichael, Jr.

Members Absent: Joseph York

3. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - NONE

4. Consider minutes of previous meetings - NONE

5. Receive and review correspondence and documents

- a. Municipal Review Committee – Receipt of Put Option Payment - \$14,882.88

Notification of town share of debt service reserve fund \$14,882.88.

- b. Letter re: Sidewalk Maintenance

Expressed concerns around area of St. Vincent church. Public works is aware and will make sure that the Town portion is maintained.

- c. SS Roosevelt Discovery Museum kickoff event – 12-1-17

December 1st is the formal 'coming out' gathering at the Heart & Soul Building at 7:00 p.m.

6. New Ordinances to Consider/Introduce - NONE

7. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)

- a. Maine Revives Civility Program – Phone meeting 11-15-17 & Alamoosook

People's Alliance Welcoming Initiative

The Town Mgr. reported that she had a phone meeting including Heart and Soul as well as a member of the Alamoosook People's alliance with the Maine Revives Civility representative. It is in regard to the importance when conducting business/meetings that everybody is treated fairly, respectfully and given a chance to be heard. Joyce Shelling of the APA spoke of their desire to help promote a healthy community, and read a copy of the Welcoming Initiative that they had prepared and asked the Council to adopt the Welcoming Initiative.

Motion by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Kee to put the Welcoming Initiative on the next agenda as a resolve for consideration. Vote: 6-0

- b. 69 Main Street - Economic Development Committee

The Economic Development Committee recommended that the building be saved and not torn down. Current owner Pam Payson addressed the Council to explain the current condition of the building. It was noted that water drainage problems negatively impact all the buildings in that area of Main Street from the Nason lot owned by the Town. Community & Economic Development Director Rich Rotella indicated that he had a person interested in locating a business at that site and would be working with them on a business plan.

It was the consensus of the Council for the Town Manager to get quotes for an engineering estimate for correction of the drainage problems from the Nason property as well as for construction of the parking lot there. Resident Chris White stated that he believed that the Council should look at developing a plan for development of the entire Main Street area instead of doing it one piece at a time.

c. Historical Society Building – Possible renovation project

Mayor Keene explained that he had met with the Historical Society and that they were in favor of renovations to the building that would raise it, move it closer to Main Street and add a usable basement level. He asked the Council for permission to get quotes for this to bring back to the Council for consideration. It was the consensus of the Council to support the Mayor getting more information and bringing it back to the Council.

d. Town Report Dedication – Ideas for 16/17 Town Report

Mayor Keene suggested that the report be dedicated to the People of Bucksport for all their hard work to move the community forward after the closure of the mill.

The Council supported that idea.

8. Agenda Items

a. To approve Resolve 2018-29 to approve Disposal Rules for the Transfer Station

There was considerable discussion about the rules and fees that pertained to accepting tires, the sizes allowed, how many were allowed, and charging for disposal. Business owner Ed Rankin stated that he felt that the Town should continue to accept tires as they had in the past without a fee. He indicated that he did not charge his customers a disposal fee. There was some confusion on whether PERC could accept tires over 17”.

There was some discussion as to why the rules are changing now since they may have to change again when the Town starts with FiberRight in March of 2018.

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to table both items A and B until more information is available related to tire disposal. Vote 6-0. Due to changes in the Flow Control ordinance, tabling these items make it necessary to vote to continue with the same fee structure until a new one is adopted.

Motion by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to continue with solid waste disposal fees now in place until they are replaced with a new fee structure. Vote 6-0.

- b. To approve Resolve 2018-30 to approve Waste Disposal Permit Fees & Waste Disposal Tipping Fees – *Tabled along with item A.*
- c. To approve Resolve 2018-31 to approve the 2018 update to the Hancock County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve. Vote: 6-0

9. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections - NONE

10. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds

- a. David Caruso, Map 33 Lot 43, Sewer Lien discharge

Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to approve. Vote: 6-0

- b. Jamie Collier & Maryfaith Ohan, Map 24 Lot 14, 6/16/15 Tax Lien

Motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Gauvin to approve. Vote: 6-0.

11. Town Manager Report - See attachment.

12. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits - NONE

13. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public

Rich Rotella, Economic & Community Development Director reported that 12/9 there would be a Parade of Lights on Main Street at 5:00 p.m., that on 12/14 there is a night on the town with businesses being open, on 12/21 there is a winter concert at the high school and on 12/22 caroling in the downtown, and on 12/31 there will be a downtown ball drop next to the Heart & Soul building.

James Morrison questioned whether Chief Bowden had been allowed to retire and be rehired and collect his Maine State Retirement. Town Manager Lessard responded that Chief Bowden had taken advantage of that opportunity in a way similar to what other Town employees have done in the past. Councilor Gauvin noted that it costs the town less now because the Chief no longer gets a retirement contribution from the town and will have no sick time payout at the time of final retirement.-chief Bowden retired-staying on job

Councilor Stewart asked Code Officer Jeff Hammond about two camper trailers on Upper Long Pond Road. The CEO indicated that he was working with both owners to gain ordinance compliance.

14. Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting - NONE

15. Adjournment

*Motion by Councilor Carmichael, seconded by Councilor Stewart to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.
Vote 6-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary*

Downeast Transportaton, Inc.
PO Box 914, Ellsworth, ME 04605-0914
667-5796

Bucksport Shuttle Riders 2017

	NOV.	YTD
Senior Center	5	16
Day Care	0	0
Health Center	1	13
Wen-Belle	3	16
Public Safety	0	3
Food Pantry	2	51
Knox Apts.	2	56
Credit Union	0	2
Main St	3	57
Gardner Commons	8	175
Drug Store	0	0
Family Medicine	0	1
McDonald's	0	0
Hannaford's	21	256
Rite-Aid	0	19
Hardware Store	2	17
Family Dollar	0	17
Eye Care	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	47	699
Taxi Transfers	0	0
Tokens	2	23

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Driver:		Cab Supplies:	Driver Short:	

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Driver:		Cab Supplies:	Driver Short:	

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11/22	0957	Rite Aid	Hanabrook		
	0957	Rite Aid	Hanabrook		
	1004	121 main st	13 Edison Drive		
	1009	13 Edison Drive	Rite Aid		
	1009	13 Edison Drive	Rite Aid		
	1020	Rite Aid	Family Dollar		
	1020	Rite Aid	Family Dollar		
	1026	Hanabrook	90 School House RD		
	1026	Hanabrook	90 School House RD		
	1040	165 main st	Rite Aid		
	1050	Family Dollar	13 Edison Drive		
	1050	Family Dollar	121 main st		
	1105	MAIN st	6 Mill st		
	1110	Town Park	Family Dollar		
	1130	Family Dollar	Hanabrook		
	1157	Hanabrook	8 Soan st		
	1211	121 main st	13 Edison Drive		
11/29	920	8 Soan st	Dunkin Donuts		
	935	Acacia Highway	main st		
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	950	90 School House RD	Dunkin Donuts		
	957	Dunkin Donuts	High School		
(21)	1009	970 Silver Lake RD	Congo Church		
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	1025	121 main st	Family Dollar		
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	1048	Congo Church	988 Acacia Highway		
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Driver:	121	Family Pharmacy	Cab Supplies: 8 Soan st	Driver Short:	
				Total	50000



MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Risk Management Services

60 Community Drive
PO Box 9109
Augusta, Maine 04330-9486

Telephone No.

(207) 626-5583

(800) 590-5583 Maine Only

Fax No. (207) 624-0130

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November 30, 2017

Ms Susan M Lessard
Town Manager
Town of Bucksport
PO Drawer X
Bucksport, ME 04416

Dear Ms Lessard,

We are pleased to enclose your annual Membership Report as a participant in the MMA Workers Compensation Fund. Participation in the Fund provides significant benefits to members beyond meeting their statutory obligations under the Workers Compensation Act.

The Membership Report provides information about several important components of this program:

- The Dividend distribution amount you received in 2017. Dividends are voted upon by the Board of Trustees and paid to members who meet the established criteria.
- The number and total value of hours Loss Control personnel spent assisting you with safety issues and in staff training.
- The value and number of the Online Safety courses provided to assist you with safety and human resources issues and staff training.
- The total value of approved Safety Grants and Scholarships awarded to your entity in 2017.
- Both the percentage and actual dollar amount of the credit earned through the Leader Program is shown, if applicable. The maximum credit available during the January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2018 period was 10%.

We are proud that the Fund continues to be an example of Maine local governmental cooperation. Please find your Value of Membership Report enclosed. For your convenience we have enclosed five copies for your key officials. We would be happy to provide you with any additional information or answer any questions about the enclosed report. Please feel free to contact Michelle Pelletier, Marcus Ballou, or me, at 1-800-590-5583, or locally at 626-5583, at any time.

Sincerely,

Patricia Kablitz, CPCU, ARM
Director, Risk Management Services

The Value of Membership



Maine Municipal Association
Risk Management Services

Public Entity risk management
is what we do and all we do.

PARTNERSHIP | SERVICE | PERFORMANCE

2017 Workers Compensation Fund Benefits for

Town of Bucksport

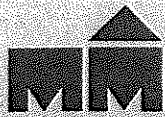
DIVIDENDS	<p>The governing board of the Workers Compensation Fund voted dividends to be distributed in 2017. Dividends are not guaranteed year-to-year.</p> <p>Dividends PAID to the Town of Bucksport: \$3,622</p>
SAFETY GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	<p>The Safety Enhancement Grant and Scholarship Grant program offers financial incentives to your Entity as a member of the Workers Compensation Fund. Grants are awarded to assist in reducing the frequency and severity of your workplace injuries.</p> <p>Grants and Scholarships Awarded: \$2,727</p>
LEADER PROGRAM	<p>The Leader Program recognizes and rewards municipalities and public entities that voluntarily implement loss control programs that achieve positive results. Your participation demonstrates a commitment to workplace safety. A Leader credit of <u>7.50%</u> was applied toward your Workers Compensation contribution.</p> <p>Leader Credit \$4,749</p>
LOSS CONTROL	<p>In the last year, Loss Control staff visited your entity and provided services which may include training, consultation & safety surveys resulting in <u>15.38</u> service hours with a value of <u>\$1,461</u>. Your entity also utilized <u>14</u> online safety training courses valued at <u>\$280</u>.</p> <p>The estimated value of these services are: \$1,741</p>

THE TOTAL VALUE OF BENEFITS FOR THE 2017 YEAR:

\$12,839*

**This is NOT a bill.*

The Maine Municipal Association Workers Compensation Fund created by you for you.



WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND

MMA Risk Management Services

MAINE PEOPLE WORKING FOR MAINE COMMUNITIES

Membership is the difference

ADVANTAGES:

- A Partnership of Maine Communities grouping together to fund The Workers Compensation Fund
- Public Entity risk management is what we do and all we do
- Specialized comprehensive coverage designed for Maine Communities
- Providing rate stability for our members

Loss Control:

- Experienced, designated Loss Control Consultants
- MMA staff provides all services with no additional fees
- Partnering with you to provide inspections, training and consultation, specific to municipal exposures that prevent injuries and accidents and help you control your costs
- Safety Committee Assistance
- Safety grants and scholarships
- Online training and website resources
- Provide guidance establishing safety programs, policies and procedures

Claims Management:

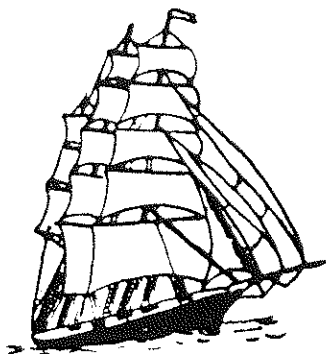
- In State claims handlers
- Online, fax or paper claims reporting
- Direct access to your assigned Claims Handler
- Claims review meetings are encouraged and available at your request/location

Member Services/Underwriting:

- On-site visits at your convenience
- Direct access to your underwriter to answer coverage questions
- New and renewal application assistance
- Itemized breakdowns of contributions available
- We offer Transitional Return To Work and Preferred Provider assistance

The Maine Municipal Association Workers Compensation Fund appreciates your participation.

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BUCKSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 89 FRANKLIN STREET
P.O. BOX C-1, BUCKSPORT, MAINE 04416
(207) 469-7951/FAX (207) 469-3122

Chief Sean P. Geagan

December 7, 2017

Verona Board of Selectman
16 School Street
Verona Island, Me 04416
P.O. Box 1940
Bucksport, Me 04416

To whom it may concern:

The Bucksport Police Department received a request for backup from the Maine State Police on a call in the Town of Verona on 12-07-17. The State Police requested that we check on a person that was standing on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge with a gun. Our on duty patrolmen responded to this call and found a female sitting on the railing of the bridge with a shotgun on her lap. The subject was talked off the railing and taken into custody without incident.

I am sending you this notification to make you aware of this call for assistance as is required in our mutual aid agreement. I have also attached a copy of the incident card for this incident.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sean P. Geagan".

Sean P. Geagan
Chief of Police
Bucksport Police Department

Cc: Susan Lessard, Town Manager



Bucksport Police Department

Officer Report for Incident 17BK-4194

Nature: 911 Call
Location: 157

Address: Route 1; fort knox rd
Bucksport ME 04416

Offense Codes: F911

Received By: Jennifer Day

How Received: 9

Agency: BKPD

Responding Officers: Steve Bishop, Sean Geagan

Responsible Officer: Steve Bishop

Disposition: CNA 12/07/17

When Reported: 10:29:19 12/07/17

Occurred Between: 10:26:03 12/07/17 and 10:26:07 12/07/17

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant: 82641

Last: Hancock County
RCC

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address: 50 State St; Suite 13

Race:

Sex:

Phone: (207)667-8866

City: Ellsworth, ME 04605

Offense Codes

Reported: F911 False 911 Call

Observed:

Additional Offense: F911 False 911 Call

Circumstances

Responding Officers:

Steve Bishop

Sean Geagan

Unit :

BK405

BK401

Responsible Officer: Steve Bishop

Agency: BKPD

Received By: Jennifer Day

Last Radio Log: 11:18:17 12/07/17 CMPLT

How Received: 9 911 call

Clearance: 24 Cleared By Chief Geagan

When Reported: 10:29:19 12/07/17

Disposition: CNA **Date:** 12/07/17

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 10:26:03 12/07/17

Misc Entry:

and: 10:26:07 12/07/17

Modus Operandi:

Description :

Method :

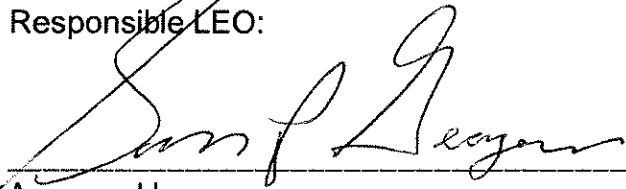
Involvements

Date	Type	Description	Relationship
12/07/17	Name	Hancock County RCC,	Complainant
12/07/17	Cad Call	10:29:19 12/07/17 911 Call	Initiating Call

Narrative

Jen from HCRCC ref rec a call about a male on the bridge with a gun.

Responsible LEO:



Approved by:

12/7/17

Date

Supplement

CAD Call info/comments

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Male caller stated that someone is on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge with a rifle.

No further information given, caller hung up

10:38:53 12/07/2017 - Barb Cote

I called Waldo and advised them. SPA called and requested a pd unit go over and check the bridge for the male subject with a rifle. I advised 401 and 405.

11:00:03 12/07/2017 - Barb Cote

subj in custody

11:10:36 12/07/2017 - Barb Cote

401 secured veh parked in the parking lot by the observatory.

Name Involvements:

Complainant : 82641

Last: Hancock County
RCC

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address: 50 State St; Suite 13

Race: **Sex:**

Phone: (207)667-8866

City: Ellsworth, ME 04605

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STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
REGION 4
219 HOGAN ROAD
BANGOR, MAINE 04401-5603

Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

David Bernhardt
COMMISSIONER

November 30, 2017

Susan Lessard
Town Manager, Town of Bucksport
50 Main Street
Bucksport, ME 04416

Subject: Federal Project 2328800 – Bucksport to Orrington, Route 15
Ultrathin Bonded Surface Course

Dear Susan:

The Maine Department of Transportation is planning to design and advertise the subject project in the spring/summer, 2018.

The project is further described as follows: Bucksport Route 15, Beginning 0.51 of a mile north of Franklin Street and extending northerly 9.36 miles. The primary scope of work is spot milling variable depth shim and placement of ultrathin bonded wearing surface course to preserve the pavement surface.

The purpose of this letter is to make the necessary notifications of the project to the abutters, municipal officials and occupants of the highway under the provisions of 23 M.R.S.A. § 3351. **We hereby request that you provide a copy of this notice to all municipal officials, employees and boards with responsibilities for utility and/or land-use planning/permitting, and that you post this letter on any municipal public bulletin boards, media outlets and/or municipal websites.**

If you have or plan to have knowledge of underground utility facilities within the limits of this project, please inform MaineDOT Region 4 Office as soon as possible in order that they may be properly considered during the design and construction of the proposed project. Properly located facilities are a consideration for protection against damage from construction operations.

Should you have questions, concerns or other areas of interest, we would appreciate your comments and input. You may contact me, Randall Barrows, Sr. Project Manager at 941-4754.

Sincerely,

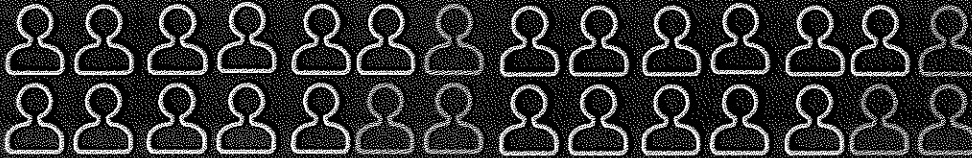
Randall Barrows
Sr. Project Manager
Highway Program, Region 4



2017 Annual Report

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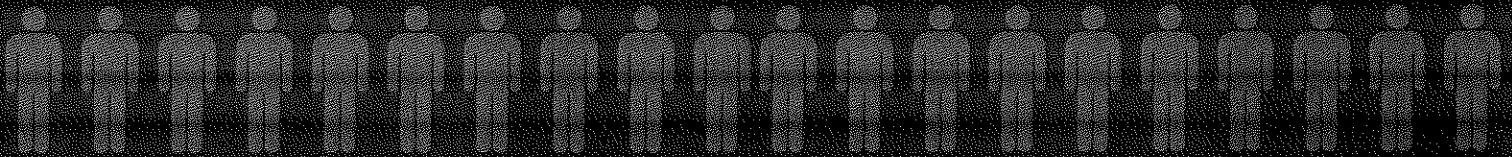
**people have attended our events in
downtown Bucksport.**



Bridge the Gap Race
Downtown Clean Up
Saturday morning running group
Pop Up Solstice Viewing
Bucksport Arts Festival
Int'l Maritime Film Festival
Small Business Saturday
Holiday Night on the Town and Photobooth

780

volunteer hours



34%

Funding from Town of Bucksport



34%

Funding from MSB event income



32%

Funding from grants and donations

We  **Bucksport and we make sure it shows**


In 2017, we have promoted downtown Bucksport on several TV, radio, and print interviews. We also maintain an active social media presence with over 3,000 followers on our Facebook pages and over 3,500 website views in the past year.



What's next?

The MSB Board is completing some planning work in late 2017 and will continue working on Board development in 2018. We've just launched 2nd Friday coffee hour for downtown business owners and we have several other projects (big and small) in the works.

Bucksport Town Code Chapter 2

- 14.8 BEREAVEMENT: Special leave with pay shall be granted to regular employees for up to 3 days for absence caused by the death of a member of the immediate family. "Immediate family" means parents, spouse, brother, sister, child, stepchild, grandmother, grandfather, mother-in-law, grandchild, and father-in-law. Special exceptions to this rule may be made by the Town Manager.
- 14.9 CONSUMPTION OF LEAVE: When all leave, including sick and vacation leave, has been utilized by an employee, salary payments to the employee shall cease immediately, unless the employee has returned to work. The Town will no longer pay any amount toward life and medical insurance. The employee will then have the opportunity to continue the benefits by paying the cost themselves.
- 14.9.1 No employee may be paid for more than one type of paid leave on any day.
- 14.10 HEALTH INSURANCE: The Town offers group hospital, surgical, and medical benefits to employees in regular full-time positions. In addition to traditional health insurance, the Town may also offer a non-traditional plan, such as a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO). Employees should consult their health insurance booklets for details on their chosen plan. The town and the employees share in the cost of the premium with the employee's share being contributed through payroll deduction. Coverage for dependents age 19 and older is available, if so elected. The cost-sharing levels for plans offered by the Town shall be determined on an annual basis by the Town Council. The Town's contribution rate for HMO coverage shall be no higher than its contribution toward traditional coverage.
- 14.10.1 Town participation in the cost of coverage begins the first full month following the employee's date of hire. Coverage by the health insurance plan is not automatic and employees must initiate a request for benefits according to their eligibility in order to obtain coverage.
-  14.10.2 The Town shall not share in the cost of the premium for a spouse who is afforded health insurance through their employer.
- 14.11 LIFE INSURANCE: The Town will provide full-time employees with Basic, Supplemental and/or Dependent Life Insurance through Maine State Retirement System.
- 14.11.1 The Town of Bucksport will provide a premium conversion cafeteria plan for eligible full-time employees. Only employee benefit account dollars are provided for under this plan. Employees must elect to participate on an annual basis.
- 14.12 WORKERS' COMPENSATION: Workers' Compensation benefits are governed by State Law as supplemented herein. Such benefits may be provided when an employee has sustained a job-related injury or illness.
- 14.12.1 All job-related injuries and illnesses shall be immediately reported to the employee's supervisor who, with the employee's assistance, shall submit the first report of injury.
- 14.12.2 Supervisors are responsible for reporting an injury within 24 hours of its occurrence, or their knowledge of the occurrence, regardless of the timing of the employee's first written report.
- 14.12.3 Full-time employees are eligible to receive an amount equal to but not more than their regular net pay and benefits for a period not to exceed 8 weeks of normal work time. If Workers' Compensation coverage continues after this period, then the employee shall receive pay in accordance with State Law and may receive benefits as may be otherwise described in this chapter.

ARTICLE 16

SICK LEAVE AND HEALTH INSURANCE

SECTION 1. Sick leave shall accrue at the rate of ten (10) hours for each full calendar month of service beginning with the seventh (7th) full calendar month of employment accumulative to a maximum of seven hundred twenty (720) hours. At the end of the six (6) full calendar months of employment, the employee will be credited with the amount of sick leave earned in the first six (6) months of service. Sick leave shall be earned by an employee, at the foregoing rate, in any month in which the employee is compensated eighty (80) or more hours of actual work. For this purpose, however, earned vacation time shall be considered as work time. Sick leave may only be used when personal illness or physical incapacity renders an employee unable to perform the duties of his position.

Whenever possible, the employee shall notify the Police Chief at least two (2) hours before the beginning of his scheduled shift as to his unexpected absence due to sick leave reasons. With prior notice, the Town shall have the right, at the employee's expense, to require a doctor's certification showing such sick leave usage to have been for "just cause". Expense of obtaining said certification if "just cause" is found, expense to be borne by the Town. Sick time may not be taken for work related injury except for the first three (3) days of an injury which are not covered by Workmen's Compensation.

Any full-time employee who uses less than six (6) days of sick leave during a fiscal year (7-1 to 6-30) shall receive one-half of any balance of the first six days as earned time to be used the following fiscal year but not to exceed three days or 24 hours in any fiscal year. Earned sick time may be taken with the approval of the Police Chief and at times when convenient for the smooth operation of the department. The remainder of earned sick time shall be credited to accumulated sick leave in the normal manner. Earned time cannot be accumulated beyond the end of the fiscal year following the year that the time was earned.

SECTION 2.

The Union and the Town agree to re-open the contract for consideration of changes to healthcare coverage based on no additional cost to employees for similar benefit.

The Town shall provide each employee and his/her family with coverage under the Northern New England Benefit Trust (NNEBT) OAP-A8 Non-Grandfathered (NG) Plan for the term of this agreement.

The annual rate increases during the term of the collective bargaining agreement shall be capped at 8%; provided however, that NNEBT may modify the plan of benefits to be provided in the event that the group's experience would warrant a rate increase greater than 8%.

During the term of the collective bargaining agreement, employees with employee only coverage will pay \$27 weekly toward the cost of the coverage; employees with dependent coverage will pay \$43 weekly toward the cost of the coverage; and employees with family coverage will pay \$49 toward the cost of the coverage.

New members who join the bargaining unit after July 1, 2015, shall pay 20% of the premium of the health insurance plan in which they are enrolled instead of the amounts in the previous paragraph.

★ The Town will not pay for any working spouse who is provided health insurance by their employer that offers essentially the same types of coverages as the Town Plan, unless out of pocket premium cost for the spouse's insurance plan is 30% more than the Town's insurance plan premium cost. Current employees whose spouses are already on the Town Plan are grandfathered. If comparable coverage ends, the spouse may join the Town's plan offered through NNEBT prior to open enrollment provided that s/he

★ applies for such coverage within 60 days of the loss of comparable coverage. If the spouse does not apply within 60 days of the loss of comparable coverage, enrollment will only be available as part of the open enrollment process.

Retiree Health Insurance:

Current members of the bargaining unit who retire prior to becoming eligible for Medicare will have the option to continue coverage through NNEBT as part of the active group. A retiree will be responsible for 100% of the cost of the coverage. The Town will remit all required payments to NNEBT on behalf of the retiree and, when applicable, the retiree's dependent(s).

When the retiree reaches the age of 65 or becomes eligible for Medicare due to a disability, the Town will notify NNEBT and the retiree will be offered a Medicare Supplement Plan and a Mail-Order Pharmacy program through NNEBT.

When the retiree becomes eligible for Medicare, the spouse and/or dependent child(ren), if otherwise eligible, may remain covered as part of the active group at the retiree's expense. When the spouse becomes eligible for Medicare, the spouse will be offered a Medicare Supplement Plan through NNEBT and a Mail-Order Pharmacy program also through NNEBT. If the spouse becomes eligible for Medicare before the retiree, the spouse will be offered the NNEBT Medicare Supplement and the NNEBT Mail-Order Pharmacy program.

Current pre Medicare-age retirees who were members of the bargaining unit, by agreement of the Town and the Union, also may be included as part of the active employee group and may be eligible for the Medicare Supplement and a Mail-Order Pharmacy program through NNEBT.

SECTION 3. MMA Income Protection Plan currently provided by the Town shall be continued during the term of this Agreement for all employees who wish the coverage. Any combination of sick leave and income protection cannot exceed the regular base weekly pay. The employee shall submit an application for income protection after being absent from work ten (10) consecutive days at any one time.

SECTION 4. The Town, during the term of this agreement, shall continue to pay for and provide Maine State Life Insurance including Basic, Supplemental and Dependent B. Coverage will automatically be provided unless the employee chooses to sign a "Refusal of Insurance" form provided at the Town Office.

SECTION 5. An employee who is injured on the job and is sent home or to a hospital or who must obtain medical attention shall receive pay at the applicable hourly rate for the balance of his regular shift on that day. An employee who has returned to his regular duties after sustaining a compensable injury and who is required by the Workmen's Compensation doctor to receive additional medical treatment during his regularly scheduled working hours shall receive his regular hourly rate of pay for such time missed.

Section 6. Employees who retire will be allowed to credit to their Maine State Retirement System account up to ninety (90) days of accumulated and unpaid sick time.

ARTICLE 17

BEREAVEMENT

**RESOLVE #R-2018-29 TO APPROVE DISPOSAL RULES FOR THE TRANSFER
STATION**

Whereas, the Town of Bucksport operates a Transfer Station for the collection of solid waste, recycling items, construction debris, wood, metal and other waste items, and

Whereas, rules must be in place for the safe and efficient operation of the Transfer Station, and

Whereas, the Town Council Ordinance and Solid Waste Committees have reviewed and recommended approval of rules for the operation of the Transfer Station,

Be it resolved by the Bucksport Town Council in Town Council assembled to approve the Disposal Rule for the Transfer Station as presented.

Acted on November 30, 2017

Yes ____ No ____ Abstained ____

Attested by: Kathy Downes, Town Clerk

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Effective:

TRANSFER STATION

DISPOSAL RULES

Section 1. ITEMS THAT MAY BE DISPOSED OF AT THE TRANSFER STATION

1.1 TRASH AND GARBAGE

- 1.1.1 No trash or garbage may be accepted from commercial haulers.
- 1.1.2 Trash and garbage is expected to be in bags or boxes for disposal, or as otherwise allowed by staff.
- 1.1.3 Trash and garbage may not contain ashes, flammable liquids, wood, brush, lumber, demolition material, metals, or paint in liquid form.
- 1.1.4 No seafood waste may be accepted from seafood processors or suppliers.

1.2 RECYCLABLE ITEMS

- 1.2.1 No recyclable items may be accepted from commercial haulers.
- 1.2.2 Sorting of recycled items is not required.
- 1.2.3 All recycled items must be free of grease, oil, dirt, food and chemical contaminants.

1.3 BRUSH, LEAVES, TREES, GARDEN WASTE, WOOD ASH

- 1.3.1 No stumps, and tree branches and trunks larger than 6" in diameter may be accepted.
- 1.3.2 Plastic bags must be removed before disposing of waste for compost.
- 1.3.3 Wood ash must be cooled and wet.

1.4 METAL ITEMS

- 1.4.1 Bulky or heavy metal items must be removed from the vehicle by the customer before being handled by staff.
- 1.4.2 Oil storage tanks must be cut in half and cleaned out.
- 1.4.3 50-gallon drums must be cleaned out and one end opened.

1.5 AUTOMOTIVE PARTS

- 1.5.1 No tires on rims may be accepted. No tires with a rim size larger than 20 inches may be accepted unless they are cut into pieces. Limited to 5 tires per week from any address.
- 1.5.2 Regular used motor oil is accepted. Limited to 5 total gallons per trip in containers no larger than 2 gallons. No transmission fluid or anti-freeze fluid may be accepted.
- 1.5.3 Motor vehicle batteries (and all other lead-acid batteries) are accepted.
- 1.5.4 Fenders, hoods, doors and similar metal parts are accepted.
- 1.5.5 Gas tanks cut in half are accepted.

1.6 DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION WASTE

- 1.6.1 No demolition and construction waste may be accepted from contractors without a Contractor Waste Disposal Permit.
- 1.6.2 A delivery of more than 4 cubic yards of demolition and construction waste may not be accepted, except as approved by staff.

1.7 INERT MATERIAL

- 1.7.1 Inert material must be free of vegetation, metal and debris.

Effective:

1.7.2 A volume of more than a 5-gallon bucket may not be accepted, except as approved by staff.

1.8 ELECTRONIC DEVICES

1.8.1 Broken or cracked TV or monitor screens must be covered to prevent injury.

1.9 UNIVERSAL WASTE

1.9.1 Thermometers leaking mercury must be in containment.

1.9.2 Broken fluorescent bulbs must be in containment.

1.10 REUSABLE ITEMS

1.10.1 Donated items, such as clean clothing and household items are accepted.

1.10.2 Donated items must be in useable condition.

Section 2. ITEMS THAT MAY NOT BE DISPOSED OF AT THE TRANSFER STATION

2.1 Asbestos and asbestos-containing products that must be disposed of at a properly licensed facility.

2.2 Animals or animal parts.

2.3 Hazardous waste or chemicals (except household products).

2.4 Regulated medical waste

2.5 Sanitary waste

2.6 Junk vehicles

2.7 Any item not identified in these Rules that the Transfer Station is not licensed to accept.

2.8 The Transfer Station staff shall refuse any solid waste delivery that contains any prohibited items mixed in with acceptable waste, unless the prohibited waste is removed to the satisfaction of staff.

Section 3. USE OF TRANSFER STATION

3.1 No waste may be accepted or disposed of at the Transfer Station except during the hours of operation.

3.1.1 The Transfer Station shall be open from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The Transfer Station shall be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday every week, and on observed holidays.

3.2 All items brought to the Transfer Station shall be deposited at the appropriate location as identified with signage or as instructed by staff.

3.3 Users of the facility are expected to unload their waste as soon as possible upon arrival, and exit the facility as soon as possible to make room for waiting vehicles. All drivers must comply with any directions given by staff regarding access to the facility.

3.4 The Transfer Station staff shall have the authority to refuse acceptance of any waste brought to the facility. The reason for refusal shall be provided to the user, and a written and photographic record of the action shall be documented by staff. Reasons for refusal shall include the following:

1. The solid waste contains items that cannot be accepted.

2. The solid waste was not generated in Bucksport or a participating community.

Effective:

3. The quantity of solid waste exceeds the available storage capacity for the type of waste.
 4. A required permit has not been issued or is not in the possession of the customer.
 5. The customer refuses to pay the required disposal fee.
 6. The customer refuses to comply with staff directions.
- 3.5 Complaints regarding the operation of the Transfer Station shall be submitted to the Public Works Director who shall take appropriate action to resolve any identified operational issue.

Section 4. DEFINITIONS

TRASH AND GARBAGE: Solid waste generated from the typical activities of occupying a dwelling or business, including food waste and other items that cannot be recycled, but not including sanitary waste and any other type of waste identified.

RECYCLABLE ITEMS: Glass containers, plastic containers, tin cans, cardboard, paper.

DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION WASTE: Wood, roofing, siding, insulation and other waste from the activities of demolishing or constructing buildings or structures, but not including concrete, brick or stone waste.

INERT MATERIAL: Concrete, brick, stone, gravel, sand or similar material.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Televisions, monitors, computers and peripherals, audio equipment, radios, and similar equipment operated with a/c or d/c electricity.

REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE: Liquid or semi-liquid blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM); items contaminated with blood or OPIM and which would release these substances in a liquid or semi-liquid state if compressed; items that are caked with dried blood or OPIM and are capable of releasing these materials during handling; contaminated sharps, including needles, syringes with needles attached, scalpels, dental carpules with blood in them; and pathological and microbiological wastes containing blood or OPIM.

UNIVERSAL WASTE: Batteries, (except lead-acid batteries) pesticides, mercury-containing equipment and mercury lamps.

**RESOLVE #R-2018-30 TO APPROVE TRANSFER STATION WASTE DISPOSAL
PERMIT FEES AND WASTE DISPOSAL TIPPING FEES**

Whereas, the Town of Bucksport operates a Transfer Station for the collection of solid waste, recycling items, construction debris, wood, metal and other waste items, and

Whereas, in order to help offset the cost of operation of the Transfer Station fees are charged for some permits and some items for disposal, and

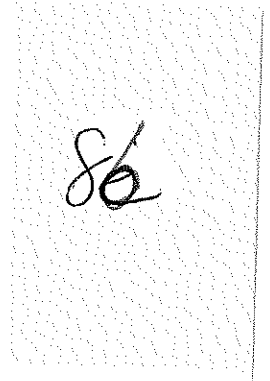
Whereas, the Town Council Ordinance and Solid Waste Committees have reviewed and recommended approval of fees for permits and tipping fees,

Be it resolved by the Bucksport Town Council in Town Council assembled to approve the Waste Disposal Permit Fees and Waste Disposal Tipping Fees as presented.

Acted on November 30, 2017

Yes ____ No ____ Abstained ____

Attested by: Kathy Downes, Town Clerk



Effective date:

**TRANSFER STATION
WASTE DISPOSAL PERMIT FEES &
WASTE DISPOSAL TIPPING FEES**

WASTE DISPOSAL PERMIT FEES

Resident Waste Disposal Permit:	No fee (No expiration)
Seasonal Resident Waste Disposal Permit:	No fee (Expires December 31 st each year)
Business Waste Disposal Permit:	No fee (No expiration)
Contractor Waste Disposal Permit:	\$10.00 per job site (construction/demolition)
	\$10.00 per year (landscaping/yardwork)

WASTE DISPOSAL TIPPING FEES

Trash/Garbage

No fee

LIMIT: Household and small business waste only. No food waste from businesses. Waste must be contained.

Zero-Sort Recyclables

No fee

LIMIT: Items must be free of food waste.

Automotive Waste

Tires	\$1.00 per tire (from a resident)
	\$2.00 per tire (from a business)

LIMIT: Tires with rim sizes greater than 20" must be cut into pieces.

Tires on rim not accepted.

No more than 5 tires per week from any address

Motor Oil	No fee
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LIMIT: 5 gallons per trip

Batteries	No fee
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LIMIT: None

Auto Parts	No fee
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LIMIT: Metal parts only

Metal Waste

LIMIT: 2 loads per week per street address.

Propane Tanks

Less than 20 lbs	No fee
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20 lbs	\$10.00
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100 lbs	\$20.00
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Other Metal Items	No fee
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Appliances

LIMIT: Items from one street address only.

Refrigerators and air conditioners	\$15.00 each
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All other appliances	No fee
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Electronic Waste

No fee

LIMIT: Items from one street address only.

No waste accepted from commercial generators.

Universal Waste

No fee

LIMIT: Items from one street address only.

No waste accepted from commercial generators.

Furniture/Furnishings

Upholstered furniture	\$10.00 each
If cloth, metal and wood parts are separated	No fee
Wooden furniture	\$ 5.00 each
Plastic furniture	No fee
Metal only furniture	No fee
Metal furniture with webbing attached	\$ 5.00 each
Mattresses (with springs)	\$ 5.00 each
Box springs	\$ 5.00 each
Carpet (rolls or pieces)	\$ 5.00 per room

Vegetation Waste

Demolition/Construction Waste

LIMIT: Residents limited to two loads per week.

Contractors limited to loads allowed by permit.

	<u>Vegetation Waste*</u>	<u>Demolition/Construction Waste</u>
Hand Load:	No fee	No fee
Bag Load:	\$2.00	\$4.00
Pick-up load:		
Short Bed (less than 6' long)	\$10.00	\$17.00
Standard & Long Bed		
(6' to 8' long)	\$12.00	\$20.00
Trailer Load:	LxWxHx.18	LxWxHx.31
Volume Load:	\$4.86/cubic yard	\$8.37/cubic yard
Heavy Load	NA	Double above fees
Light Load	NA	Half above fees

*Vegetation waste that can be composted (leaves, garden residue, grass clippings and raw vegetables) is accepted without a fee, regardless of volume.

All calculated fees are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Hand Load	A load of waste equivalent to one filled 33-gallon plastic bag or less.
Bag Load:	A small load of contained waste that is more than one filled 33-gallon plastic bag, but not more than a ½ cubic yard.
Pick-up Load:	A load of waste that fills the bed of a pick-up to within ½ foot below or no more than ½ foot above the top of the side walls.
Trailer Load:	A load of waste that covers the floor of a towed trailer. The volume of the waste is calculated using the length and width of the trailer and the load height, using measurements to the nearest foot.
Heavy Load:	A load of waste that consists primarily of drywall, plaster, shingles or similar heavyweight material.

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- Light Load: A load of waste that consists primarily of plastic, insulation or similar lightweight material.
- Volume Load: A load of waste that cannot otherwise be classified for determining the disposal fee. The volume of the waste is determined by measuring the bulk of the load, using length, width and height measurements to the nearest foot. Items that may project out of the load are not included in the calculations.
- Cubic yard: A volume measurement of 3'x3'x3', or equivalent.
- ½ Cubic yard: A volume measurement of 3'x3'x1.5', or equivalent.

Inert Material

LIMIT: 5 gallon bucket full, or equivalent	
per week	\$5.00 per bucket

Donated Items

LIMIT: As approved by staff	No fee
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**R #2018-33 AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO WRITE OFF
UNCOLLECTED AMBULANCE CHARGES FOR 2013-2015**

Whereas, the Town of Bucksport operates ambulance services; and,

Whereas, the Town of Bucksport collects for fees for services of the ambulance service; and,

Whereas, from time to time, the Town of Bucksport has uncollected charges on its financial books; and,

Whereas, the Town Manager has uncollected ambulance charges totaling \$38,132.63 for the period 2013 – 2015 and for those that are now deceased,

Be it resolved by the Bucksport Town Council in Town Council assembled that the Town of Bucksport approve the action by the Finance Director to write off uncollected ambulance charges in the amount of \$38,132.63.

Acted on December 14, 2017

Yes ____ No ____ Abstained ____

Attested by: Kathy Downes, Town Clerk

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WRITE OFF REQUEST TO COUNCIL CREATED 1-31-17			
ACCOUNT #	DOS	AMOUNT	
IN COLLECTIONS			
A1-501-14	3/16/2014	\$110.20	
A1-689-14	6/25/2014	\$600.70	
A1-044-14	7/22/2014	\$728.80	
A2-035-14	8/26/2014	\$648.70	
A1-349-13	12/24/2013	\$223.00	
A1-267-13	11/10/2013	\$593.50	
ST-008-13	11/1/2013	\$610.60	
A1-339-13	12/17/2013	\$223.00	
A1-672-14	6/16/2014	\$544.90	
A2-024-14	8/21/2014	\$223.00	
A2-029-14	8/23/2014	\$74.31	
A1-261-14	11/14/2014	\$62.58	
A1-452-15	2/20/2015	\$223.00	
A2-193-14	3/25/2014	\$664.00	
A1-367-15	1/13/2015	\$588.40	
A2-075-14	12/12/2014	\$175.00	
A2-232-14	5/17/2014	\$223.00	
A1-472-15	3/1/2015	\$605.20	
A2-043-14	8/29/2014	\$676.60	
A1-025-14	7/13/2014	\$223.00	
A1-642-14	5/31/2014	\$223.00	
A1-207-14	10/22/2014	\$586.30	
A1-596-14	4/28/2014	\$650.50	
A2-212-14	5/9/2014	\$190.63	
A1-172-14	10/1/2014	\$535.90	
A1-287-14	12/1/2014	\$597.40	
A1-049-14	7/24/2014	\$581.20	
A1-024-14	7/13/2014	\$664.90	
A2-018-14	7/22/2014	\$664.00	
A1-046-14	7/24/2014	\$223.00	
A1-260-13	11/7/2013	\$578.50	
A1-613-14	5/4/2014	\$223.00	
A2-015-14	7/20/2014	\$223.00	
A1-020-14	7/11/2014	\$33.29	
A1-380-15	1/16/2015	\$655.90	
A1-134-14	9/13/2014	\$223.00	
A1-413-14	1/27/2014	\$99.34	
A1-673-14	6/17/2014	\$100.96	
A1-677-14	6/18/2014	\$223.00	
A1-008-14	7/4/2014	\$544.90	
A1-403-15	1/24/2015	\$628.90	

ACCOUNT #	DOS	AMOUNT	
A1-282-13	11/18/2013	\$223.00	
A1-284-13	11/19/2013	\$103.01	
A1-130-14	9/12/2014	\$223.00	
A1-632-14	5/26/2014	\$223.00	
A1-704-14	7/3/2014	\$655.90	
A1-040-14	7/21/2014	\$654.10	
A1-160-14	9/22/2014	\$577.30	
A1-296-14	12/3/2014	\$586.30	
A3-002-14	12/2/2014	\$223.00	
A1-051-14	7/27/2014	\$583.60	
A1-280-14	11/26/2014	\$515.20	
A1-641-14	5/30/2014	\$223.00	
A1-033-14	7/18/2014	\$223.00	
A2-073-14	12/10/2014	\$528.70	
A2-249-14	6/3/2014	\$223.00	
A2-256-14	6/8/2014	\$223.00	
A2-064-14	11/12/2014	\$619.00	
A1-063-14	8/3/2014	\$125.00	
A1-079-14	8/12/2014	\$223.00	
A1-124-14	9/9/2014	\$125.00	
A1-289-14	12/1/2014	\$125.00	
A1-165-14	9/27/2014	\$562.00	
A1-238-13	10/26/2013	\$103.91	
A1-543-14	4/3/2014	\$175.00	
A1-102-14	9/1/2014	\$463.90	
A1-076-14	8/10/2014	\$598.00	
A1-140-14	9/14/2014	\$223.00	
A1-196-14	10/13/2014	\$175.00	
A1-315-14	12/12/2014	\$553.90	
A1-075-14	8/10/2014	\$631.30	
A1-483-14	3/4/2014	\$578.20	
A1-634/14	5/27/2014	\$535.90	
A3-001-14	10/2/2014	\$571.00	
A1-601-14	4/30/2014	\$106.18	
A1-587-14	4/26/2014	\$584.50	
A2-247-14	5/29/2014	\$664.00	
A1-525-15	3/24/2015	\$577.30	
A1-591-14	4/27/2014	\$223.00	
A3-009-15	1/21/2015	\$582.70	
A1-603-14	4/30/2014	\$223.00	
A2-208-14	5/9/2014	\$111.10	
A1-269-13	11/11/2013	\$223.00	
A2-070A-14	12/3/2014	\$223.00	

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TRANSFER STATION MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH

November

YEAR

2017

TRIPS

6

BUCKSPORT - TOTAL WEIGHT 186,796 LBS 93.40 TONS

TRIPS

6

ORLAND - TOTAL WEIGHT 52,684 LBS 24.35 TONS

SHIPPED

4

0 SORT RECYCLING

TOTAL WEIGHT 36,200 LBS 18.10 TONS

5

LOADS OF DEMO

TOTAL WEIGHT 39,180 LBS 19.59 TONS

1

LOADS OF METAL

TOTAL WEIGHT 7760 LBS 3.88 TONS

0

REFRIGERATORS

TOTAL WEIGHT 0 LBS 0 TONS 0 UNITS

SHIPPED

14

BATTERIES

0

PROPANE TANKS

200

WASTE OIL - PUMPED GALLONS

1650

LBS - ITEMS GIVEN AWAY

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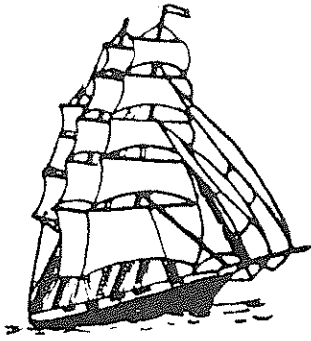
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TRANSFER STATION

\$ 1,510.70

TOTAL: \$ 1,646.50

Shipped E-Waste
97 Tubs
21 monitors
186 Electronics



Chief Sean P. Geagan

BUCKSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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BUCKSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

NOVEMBER 2017

Chief Sean Geagan:

In looking at my records I show that this is my 100th monthly report that I have submitted since becoming Chief, how time flies.

The department has continued to work on the concerns of possible C0 in Ford SUV cruisers. We have had all recommended recalls done on all of our units to date to clarify this pending issue.

I attended the Maine Chiefs of Police Executive Board meeting this month in Vassalboro. These continue to go very well and I am enjoying my stint as president in this organization.

I attended a Spillman user group meeting this month for Hancock County users. This meeting consisted of talking about changes that are coming in the near future with this program and crime reporting. We also discussed the future of this program and the modules we now have that we need to implement.

I attended the Board of Directors meeting for the YMCA recreation committee. I continue to chair this committee and must say that this program is going very well.

I attended the Bucksport Area Child Care Center board of directors meeting this month. I continue to sit on this board and this organization as I have mentioned in previous reports continues to serve our community very well.

We continue to look for personnel for both the Patrol and Dispatch departments. I conducted a Chiefs interview this month for a potential part time patrol position and I also hired a part time dispatcher to help with that departments open shifts.

In the month of November I received a card of congratulations from Senator Kimberley Rosen on my appointment as President of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. I have attached a copy of this to my report.

I represented the Town of Bucksport and the Maine Chiefs of Police this month in an article in the monthly Maine Townsman that is put out each month by Maine Municipal Association. The topic was on Local Police Shortages. I have attached a copy to this report.

The department also received a Thank You card and a Happy Thanksgiving card from Fight Crime Invest in Kids this month for all they do for the children in our community.

Bucksport Guns and Hoses completed another community event this month. We served hot chocolate and candy canes at the annual tree lighting ceremony on Main Street. This was very well attended and it is great to see the community come together.

I wanted to mention that I attended the Bucksport High School Sports Hall of Fame ceremony recently. One of our own Assistant Fire Chief Mike Denning was inducted into the hall. I want to say congratulations to Mike for this well-deserved honor. I have attached a picture at this event to my report.

Sergeant David Winchester:

Sergeant Winchester was busy this month in the community participating in special events. He participated in the Bucksport Regional Health Center Senior Citizen Fair where he promoted the ElderWatch Program, scam protection and also conducted a prescription drug take back event. The event was well attended and had many other very important groups and vendors there to assist Bucksport's elderly citizens.

He conducted a "Scam Prevention" event at the Senior Citizens building to discuss the ongoing problem of the elderly losing money or providing personal information to scams. This continues to be an issue in Maine due to the high elderly population. He outlined a number of the well-known scams and how to protect your bank accounts and personal information.

Chief Geagan, Sergeant Winchester, Officer Marcel and other members of the Guns & Hoses attended the Main Street Christmas lights ceremony this month. They provided hot chocolate and candy canes to the members of the community that came to see the event.

Sergeant Winchester also attended this month's TIP meeting to discuss ways for community groups to work together to best provide for the people of Bucksport. Some great ideas were discussed and follow up meetings were planned.

Sergeant Winchester continues to be active with the Hancock County Underage Drinking Task Force and again participated in a scheduled detail in November. Several members of the Task Force conducted checks throughout Hancock County.

Sergeant Winchester, Officer Chris Woodman and Officer Ryan Welch conducted an investigation that led to the arrest of Summer Baker (of Massachusetts) at a

Bucksport High School event. Baker was wanted on several outstanding warrants and when arrested was found to be in possession of heroin. She was charged with a class A aggravated trafficking offense and taken to the Hancock County Jail.

He also assisted Dover Foxcroft Police when he detained Leroy Dunn (of Orland) due to an ongoing theft investigation. Dunn arrived at the Police Department suspecting he had an arrest warrant, but was held on a felony theft investigation until Dover Foxcroft Police arrived to transport him to jail.

Sergeant Winchester also summonsed Michelle Wooster (of Bucksport) for operating after suspension, Amber Burrell (of Machias) for unregistered MV more than 150 days, and Trevor Bull (of Ellsworth) for operating after suspension. He also conducted 2 bail compliance checks that found both subjects to be in compliance with their bail.

He is currently working on several investigations including: theft, burglary, drugs investigations, and sexual offenses.

Patrol:

The Patrol Division had 17 arrests, 11 citations and 140 warnings for a total of 151 violations. There were 336 CAD calls for police services this month. The Patrol Division handled 28 motor vehicle accidents this month. I have included a map of all the calls for service for the Police Department this month.

Officer Woodman had 65 violations, Officer Welch had 32 violations, Sergeant Winchester had 29 violations, Officer Knight had 8 violations, Officer Findlay had 5 violations, ACO Joy had 4 violations, Officer Bishop and Chief Geagan had 3 violations each, Officer Sullivan had 2 violations, A partial list of complaints handled along with percentage of time spent for the month are attached to this report.

I have added calls for service this month. The following are all calls for service that were handled this month. Officer Woodman 64, Sergeant Winchester 86, ACO Joy 15, Officer Marcel 25, Officer Welch 27, Officer Sullivan 5, Officer Findlay 45, Officer Knight 26, Chief Geagan 7, Officer Bishop 36.

The Department has six areas of crime that are reported each month to the uniform crime reporting system. These areas cover; Criminal Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary and Theft. In the month of November we had 0 Criminal Homicides, 0 Forcible Rape, and 0 Robbery. We had 0 assaults and cleared 1, 0 burglaries, we had 3 thefts, 1 was unfounded and cleared 1. We had 2 actual cases and we cleared 2. Cases can be cleared by an arrest or exceptional means. This means that the case was solved in one form or another. Keep in mind that cases from previous months that we clear will show up on this months report.

Dispatch:

In the month of November, the Dispatch Center made 6154 radio log entries. A total list from the new system is attached to this report, this includes percentages. All of these calls are taken by the dispatch and put into the computer aided dispatch system and dispatch to the appropriate units. The dispatch center completed 72 burn permits this month all of these include meeting with individuals in the building to complete these; they completed 0 concealed weapons permits. They also completed Court Work, Payroll, and Purchase Orders for billing purposes along with answering all calls and greeting the public at the Public Safety Building. This department continues to be very busy in all areas.

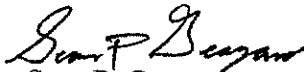
Animal Control:

In the month of November, Officer Joy handled 24 animal complaints. Officer Joy took in 2 cats from Bucksport, 1 cat from Orrington, 1 cat from Winterport. He had 1 cat adopted and transferred 2 cats to other facilities.

Police Advisory Committee:

The Police Advisory Committee met this month and the minutes from this meeting are attached to this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Sean P. Geagan
Chief of Police



Bucksport Police Department

Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
911 Call	7	2.05
Non Dispatched 911 call	1	0.29
Non Dispatched 911 call	1	0.29
Abandoned Vehicle	2	0.58
Agency Assistance	16	4.68
Alarm	6	1.75
Animal Problem	24	7.02
Attempt to Locate	1	0.29
Attempted Burg	1	0.29
Bail Check	2	0.58
Bar check	1	0.29
Check Well-Bein	10	2.92
Citizen Assist	11	3.22
Citizen Dispute	1	0.29
Civil complaints	3	0.88
Concealed Weapons Permit	1	0.29
Disabled Motorist	3	0.88
Domestic Argument	7	2.05
Poss. of drug paraphernalia	1	0.29
Escort	1	0.29
Fire	4	1.17
Found Property	5	1.46
Shots Fire, Shots Heard	1	0.29
Phone or Other	5	1.46
Information Report	32	9.36
Juvenile Problem	1	0.29
Medical Emergency	5	1.46
Missing Person	1	0.29
Motor Vehicle Complaint	8	2.34
Noise Complaint	1	0.29
Parking Problem	11	3.22
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	26	7.60
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	2	0.58
Registered Sex Offender	1	0.29
Security Check	8	2.34
Serve Protection Orders	1	0.29
Serve Subpoena	2	0.58
Special Detail	5	1.46
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	19	5.56
Theft	3	0.88
Traffic Hazard	5	1.46
Traffic Lights	1	0.29
Traffic Violation	87	25.44
Traffic Stop	1	0.29

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Trespassing	1	0.29
UAD Alcohol Offense	1	0.29
Underage Drinking Detail	1	0.29
Unattended Deat	1	0.29
Vandalism	1	0.29
Warrant Arrest	2	0.58

| Total reported: 342 | | |

Report Includes:

All dates between '00:01:00 11/01/17' and '00:01:00 12/01/17', All nature of incidents, All cities, All types, All priorities,
All agencies matching 'BKPD'

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MOST WANTED

Local police shortage
prompts bonuses,
deepens concerns



In Maine, police officers themselves are most wanted

Municipal and county police leaders worry their profession is losing prestige. Filling vacancies is difficult due to factors including dedication, pay, hours and risk.

By Glenn Adams

Police work was long regarded as a profession that simply required round-the-clock vigilance and unwavering devotion, by all who entered it. That's not so much the case anymore, say law enforcement officials in Maine.

That is one of several reasons why, they say, law enforcement isn't so enticing to young people who might otherwise have considered a career in police work. And it's having an impact in Maine as well as the rest of the country.

Leaders of municipal police and county sheriffs' offices are having a harder time attracting, and then keeping, qualified police officers. Municipalities face growing challenges finding the right people to fill their staffs in general, but the most acute shortages are in their police departments.

"In the past, (police work) was seen as a profession. Now it's seen more as a job," said Oxford County Sheriff Wayne Gallant, president of the Maine Sheriffs' Association.

"Those who look at it as a nine-to-five job, we lose them," said Bucksport Police Chief Sean Geagan, president of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association.

Young prospects are less likely to adjust to the idea that if they get into law enforcement, they're always on duty, Gallant said. They want a job that they can leave behind at the end of the day, and that's not the case in police work.

Other issues are in play

"Law enforcement's changed a lot over the last couple of years," Geagan

said. "It's a job that's under scrutiny every day... it's a 24-7 job."

In a survey of the state's sheriffs' departments conducted by the Maine Sheriffs' Association and requested by the Maine Townsman, seven of the 11 departments responding said attracting and hiring qualified candidates has become increasingly difficult.

The reasons most frequently given: Non-competitive pay and changing attitudes toward police work.

Cultural shift

"A cultural shift that makes public service less attractive, constant negative police press coverage, no desire for physical fitness and the loss of honesty as a moral standard," are the reasons for the lack of candidates given by Chief Deputy Robert Young of the Piscataquis County Sheriff's Department.

"In past generations, there was a sense of finding a job you enjoyed and staying there for your career; you were loyal to an institution and a calling. That sense is gone and employees stay a few years and seek other work experiences. In order for law enforcement to continue, we are going to have to change our entire model. Small towns and counties will



Chief Sean Geagan



Sheriff Joel Merry

see the most negative impact because we rely on knowing people and building relationships and trust, something that takes years to build," Young wrote.

While Androscoggin County reported no openings in its department, Sheriff Eric Samson said, "We are not as competitive with hourly wages as local police departments and the state police."

Sagadahoc County Sheriff Joel Merry, whose department had an opening for a patrol deputy, said Maine has "a natural shortage within the workforce in general. Additionally, with a thriving economy, private-sector jobs are very attractive. As a result, wages and benefits being offered in the private sector are difficult to compete with. There is also a shift in generational workforce with many younger workers

not finding public service work appealing due to the nature and conditions of law enforcement work."

Aroostook County is unable to attract as many officers from local police departments as it used to, said Sheriff Darrell Crandall. State police pay raises are fine, but they have also chipped away at the available pool, leaving "many, if not most, counties

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and municipalities at a significant recruitment disadvantage."

Many of the sheriffs, including Cumberland County Sheriff Kevin Joyce, mentioned the difficulty of attracting corrections officers in particular. The "continual rhetoric about not funding the jails" exacerbates the problem because it causes jail staff to question their job security. Hancock County Sheriff Scott Kane reported difficulty in attracting candidates "In all areas, law enforcement, jail, and dispatch."

"Law enforcement as a whole is in trouble. This career is not the same as it was in the past. We work a crazy schedule, including times when 'normal' people have time off. We are under constant stress and the watchful eye of the public and media who comment on everything we do and second guess our decisions, many made in a split second. Law enforcement is not looked at as a profession which directly reflects in the salary. We have to be a cop, councilor, mental health worker, medical worker and referee every day and if we make a mistake, we are held to task for it. These are just a few of the problems I see and believe," wrote Kane.

Danger debate

Visible dangers inherent in police work serve to discourage many would-be prospects from wearing the blue. Anyone who sees a newspaper or watches the news is aware of the controversies that have cropped up in localities across the country involving police confrontations – many of them deadly – with citizens. In many cases, police officers are targeted for what they do, said Portland Police Chief Michael Sauschuck, who is looking to fill a dozen openings on his force.

"It's a more dangerous profession than it's ever been," said Sauschuck.

Figures on police shootings can lead to questionable conclusions. As of November 2016, the number of fatal police shootings in the United States, 52, rose 50 percent over the previous year, bolstering a "war of police" narrative, the Washington Post reported. But the spike in deaths included multiple shootings of police that year in Dallas, Texas, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Without those, the increase would have been 27 percent.

Despite concerns that police work

is ever more dangerous, figures suggest that the opposite is true. During the 10-year period between 2006 and 2015, the average annual number of fatal shootings of police in the United States was 49.6, down from 114.8 during the 10 years leading up to 1980, BBC News reported in 2016. The downward trend in police deaths is backed up by FBI statistics showing 24 deaths per 100,000 officers in the 10 years leading to 1980, compared to 7.3 deaths in the 10 years leading to 2013.

This trend prompted University of Southern California law Professor Seth Stoughton, himself a former police officer, to discredit the notion that officers are more threatened, assaulted and killed on the job, the BBC said. The Post analysis concluded that police work is safer.

Negative perceptions of the job are also fueled by reports of shootings by police.

The Washington Post counted 984 people fatally shot by police in 2015, and 963 in 2016. As of mid-September, 706 people had been shot and killed by police for 2017, according to the Post tally. These incidents trigger angry demonstrations that can further serve to dull the luster on police work.

Portland bonuses

Facing these challenges, Portland is offering \$10,000 bonuses to find officers to fill the 12 openings in its police staff, which has 166 authorized positions. The openings have been there for months and Sauschuck expects they'll remain into the foreseeable future.

"This is the highest (number of openings) I've seen in some time," said the chief. The shortage isn't causing major problems in enforcement, but it places an extra burden on those



Sheriff Wayne Gallant



Chief Michael Sauschuck

officers who are on the job, he said.

Portland is also expanding its horizons in the search for new officers. Sauschuck said that in addition to participating in job fairs in Maine, it sends recruiting teams to places as far as Washington, D.C., and Virginia, using Maine's quality of life as a selling point.

Portland also uses social media as a recruitment tool and to make the background check process as smooth as possible, without easing standards, said Sauschuck.

Oxford County's Gallant said another strategy, which his department has adopted, is an internship program in which some of Maine's colleges participate. Departments also look at lateral transfers to ease shortages. Aroostook County has been trying to place experienced

candidates on the wage scale on a year-for-year experience basis to be as competitive as possible, Crandall said.

Androscoggin's county commissioners are negotiating with their employees to address wage disparities, said Samson. Knox County is looking at what other nearby police departments, sheriffs' offices and prisons are paying, said Knox Sheriff Donna Dennison. Penobscot uses job fairs, college and school recruitment, new advertising methods, and hiring full time vs. part time to start, said Sheriff Troy Morton.

"Our best recruiters are the folks who currently work as law enforcement officers and corrections officers. Most of them enjoy working here and when they talk positively about our Sheriff's Office, it does generate applicants," said Waldo County Sheriff Jeff Trafton.

Attracting officers is more of a challenge for smaller departments than large ones, Gallant said, because

the small ones don't have budgets to recruit.

National trend

The demand in Maine is part of a national pattern. In some cities, applications for police jobs were down 90 percent, ABC News reported in July.

Reflecting at least a portion of the pattern, the Maine Criminal Justice Academy posted openings for 15 full-time police officers, plus several part-time and corrections officers, state troopers and dispatchers in September.

Sheriffs' offices looking to fill positions included Aroostook and Cumberland, while municipal departments looking for full-time officers included Gardiner, Brunswick, York, Wiscasset, Biddeford, Carrabassett Valley, Old Town, Sanford, Gouldsboro, Dixfield, Brewer, Wilton, South Portland and Rockland.

Attracting new officers is only part of the problem. Once a qualified new officer is landed, he or she may be sought after by a larger department, which may offer a bounty as an enticement. Newport Town Manager Jim Ricker says one of his greatest frustrations is keeping his six-member police department at full strength as larger departments lure officers away.

This is why a police department that recruits an officer from another department in Maine must pay a reim-

bursement for the cost of training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Under state law, reimbursement must be for the full cost of training for the first year after the officer's graduation. The rate declines through the fifth year after graduation.

But even Maine's biggest departments, such as Portland's, are vulnerable to recruitments by even larger departments from out of state, noted Sauschuck.

Many factors cited


In Piscataquis County, a task force that was created to deal with the shortage of police officers concluded that the demand resulted from stagnant pay, difficulties posed by work schedules in balancing work with private time, risks inherent in police work, negative public perceptions about police use of force and the changing nature of police work. Unemployment nationally is at a 30-year low, so potential applicants are being drawn elsewhere.

The mean hourly wage for police and sheriffs' patrol officers nationally was \$30.17 and mean (average) annual wage was \$62,760 as of May 2016, according to the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. In Maine, the comparable mean wage was \$21.97 per hour and \$45,700 per year. In Portland, the average annual pay is \$54,000.

Police shortages hit departments of all sizes, but perhaps hardest in many smaller departments where the absence of one or two officers can translate into half of the department. Of the 133 municipal and county police agencies Maine, nearly half (62) have one to eight officers, according to the Criminal Justice Academy's 2016 Annual Report to the Legislature. Thirty-six have nine to 19 officers, 16 departments have 20 to 64

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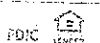
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Senator Kimberley C. Rosen

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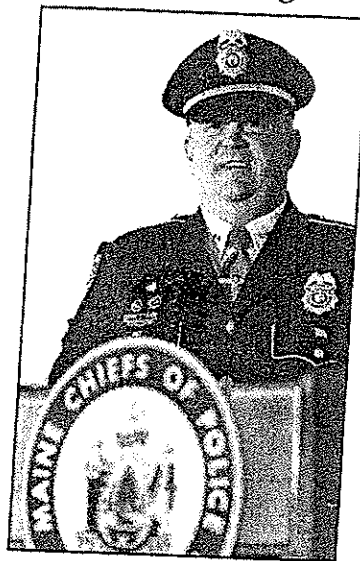
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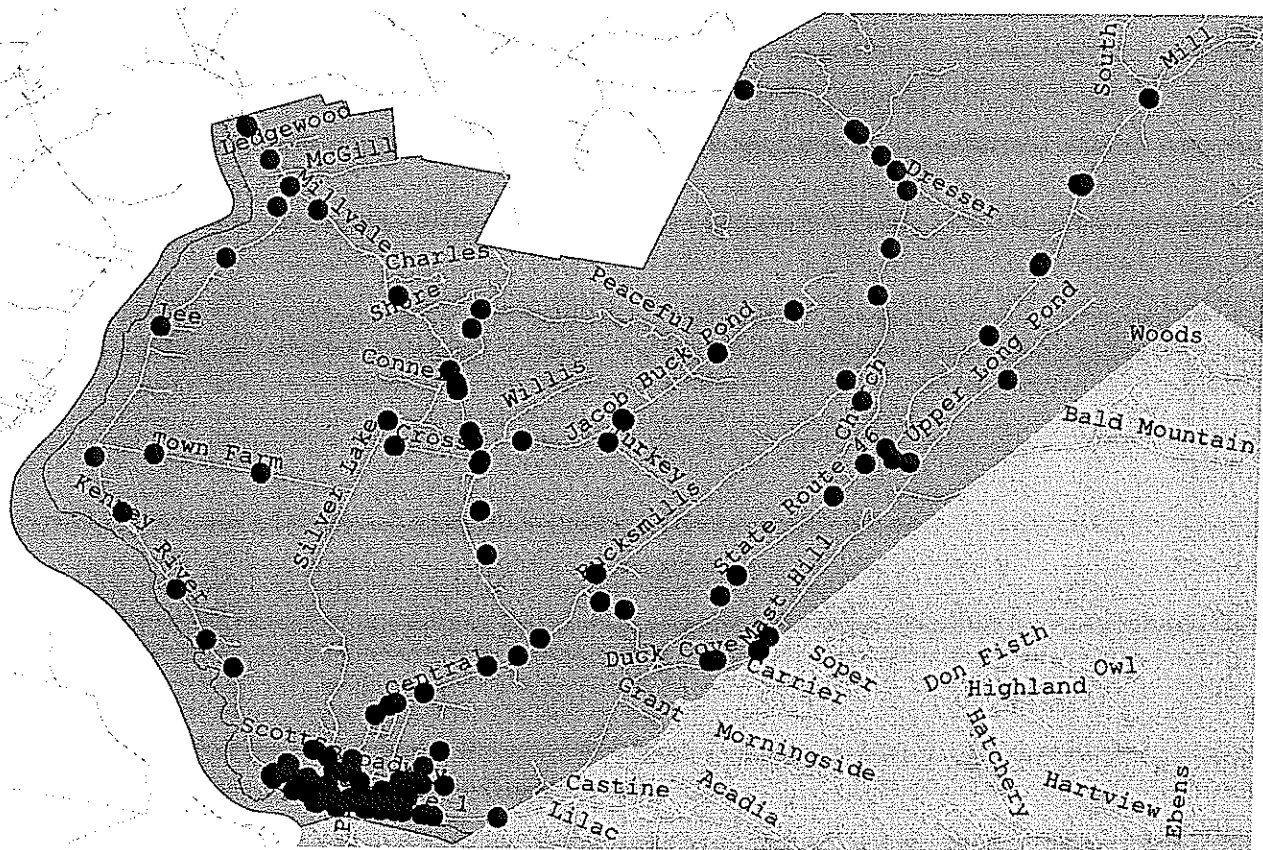
Sincerely,

Timothy Rose

Chief chief!



Bucksport Police Chief Sean P. Geagan was sworn in this month as the 53rd president of the Maine Police Chiefs Association. Geagan, the first chief from Bucksport to earn the honor, got a round of applause at last week's Town Council meeting, and a number of his officers and town officials attended the swearing-in ceremony in Bangor. He will serve for a year.



POLICE ADVISORY MEETING

November 15, 2017

Attending: Chief Geagan, Byron Vinton, Tom Foster, David Grant, Paul Gauvin and Barb Ames

There were no minutes from the last meeting to discuss. Discussed the Chief's report. One thing that came up was the changes in handling mental health patients to keep everyone safe.

Discussed issues that could arise around cameras being used in crime scenes and some of the controversy that other departments have experienced. We have actually been fortunate not to have had this incident. Discussed possibility of body camera. Answer is not known yet.

Discussed summer accident and call reports. Pretty much normal.

Maine Chief's update: Chief went to Philadelphia with 15,000 other law enforcement from 38 different countries. Chief shared that it was an interesting time. He was selected to be President for next year.

JAAG Grant is done for next year. Were able to purchase two computers and three stands with the 2016 grant for. With the MMA Safety Grant we were able to purchase a cage for the 2017 cruiser. The VEST Grant has been approved for next year.

Diversion Update: There are 7 youth in the Diversion Program. All appears to be going well with that. Barb attends meetings in Randolph once every month or two with the other Diversion sites.

New cruiser is up and running. There is a cage and camera coming for that. Talked about different possibilities around ways to save officer's time.

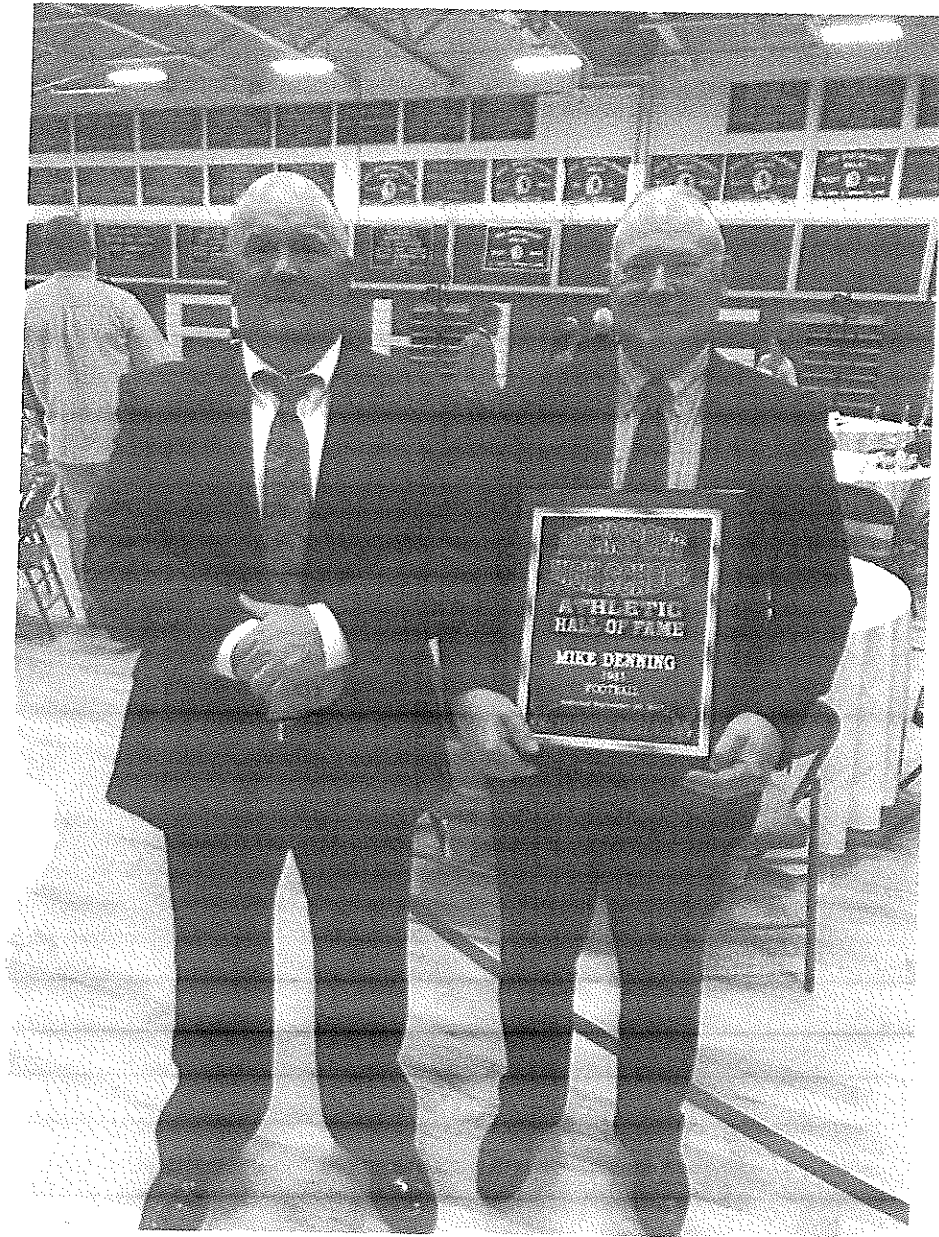
Employee updates: Officer Chris Woodman was a part time officer and is now on schedule as full time. Looking at possibility of sending him to the Academy. Officer Matt Schmidt had shoulder surgery and will possibly be out till January. Town is in process of hiring a new reserve.

Dispatch Update: Dispatch is up to full time. A part timer, Lucas Hanscom was hired today and will start on Monday. Purchased a new copier for dispatch that is colored. There is a new phone system that is all internet based. Chris Grindle is working on a new video system for Town. Have discovered that wireless systems are not effective near the water.

There was no old business.

Discussion issues: CO2 issues have been taken care of due to recalls. Discussed the lockdowns and the purpose of them. Discussed teachers wearing guns which is not an option. Discussed the need for cruiser due to mileage use, the need for extra patrolman and the wages necessary for all this need to be considered. Discussed the topic of police vehicles going to 150,000 miles and it being too much for a vehicle due to the usage. Next meeting is Wednesday, December 20th at 1pm.

Meeting adjourned.



TO: SUSAN LESSARD, TOWN MANAGER
FROM: JAY LANPHER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 2017 MONTHLY REPORT
DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2017

The month of November saw the Public Works crew spending days working on the following projects:

14 days cleaning up downed trees and limbs from the rain and wind storm on October 30th

1 day spent clearing Miles Lane trails of blowdowns and debris

1 day picking up bags of leaves downtown

1 day setting up and breaking down voting booths

1 day winterizing Silver Lake floats & prepping Christmas tree barrels

2 days placing Christmas trees along Main St & Route 1 and assisting with hanging lights on light poles on Main St

4 loads of trash were hauled to PERC from the Transfer Station this month

Approximately 850' of sidewalk was repaved on several spots along Main Street and Route 1 on the 20th

A granite memorial bench for the class of 77 was placed on the waterfront near Flag Point

A 50' pipe extension was installed on a storm drain out flow behind 50 Pine Street the flows into Mill Stream. All work was approved by DEP.

TOWN OF BUCKSPORT
CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING OFFICE
REPORT
November, 2017

PERMITS ISSUED

6 building/land use permits were issued, including for a new church, one business advertising sign and several small projects.

4 plumbing permits were issued, including 2 septic systems.

ADDRESSING ACTIVITY: No activity

BOARD OF APPEALS ACTIVITY: No activity

PLANNING BOARD ACTIVITY

At their November 7th meeting, the planning board had no business to conduct, but did carry on a discussion on land use topics for an hour before adjourning.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

- Update: The mobile home land use violations on Bucksmills Road are slowly being resolved. A follow-up site visit will be conducted in December to verify site conditions.
- Update: I received a call from the owner of an unpermitted recreational lodging business and he informed me that the business will be closed during the winter months. He will apply for the required permit in 2018.
- Update: An auto graveyard on a Duck Cove Road property is being resolved. Several junk vehicles have been removed. At last count, about 6 remain.
- The property owner occupying a camper on the Upper Long Pond Road is in the process of installing a mobile home and septic system to comply with town requirements.
- The inspection issue for a Williams Pond Road property that was being sold is being resolved by a new owner.
- Missed inspections at the treatment plant project are being arranged by the engineering firm for the project.

OTHER ACTIVITY

- Updated information on the town's website.
- Worked on an amendment to Chapter 5 of the Town Code.
- Worked on updating property maintenance standards.
- Worked on amendments to the town's Schedule of Fees.
- Property check of Wilson Hall.
- Attended two days of MUBEC training
- Attended a town council meeting.
- Attended an economic development committee meeting.
- Conducted building and plumbing inspections.
- Installed banners.
- Typical office work maintaining records, answering calls and emails, meeting with citizens, answering questions, providing copies of documents.

**Community & Economic Development
November 2017 Activities
Submitted by Rich Rotella**

Monthly Activities:

- * Hosted Broadband Grant Meeting November 2, 2017.
- * Hosted MS Fram meeting with local stakeholder groups November 3, 2017.
- * Attended Library Trustees Meeting November 8, 2017.
- * Attended Town Council Meeting November 9, 2017.
- * Assisted with Christmas Trees being placed in barrels November 11, 2017.
- * Attended EMDC – LRC meeting on November 13, 2017.
- * Hosted tour for Mary Mayhew around Bucksport November 14, 2017.
- * Attended Main Street Bucksport board meeting November 14, 2017.
- * Hosted Economic Development Committee meeting November 14, 2017.
- * Attended EMDC – Logistics Meeting re: transportation November 16, 2017.
- * Attended YMCA Meeting on November 16, 2017.
- * Attended ADAPT follow up phone call meeting on November 17, 2017.
- * Assisted stringing lights on telephone poles downtown November 18, 2017.
- * Phone meeting interested party in Main St property November 27, 2017.
- * Attended EMDC – LRC meeting on November 27, 2017.
- * Attended Little League Board Meeting November 27, 2017.
- * Attended Department Head Meeting November 27, 2017.
- * Met with interested party in AIM site on November 30, 2017.
- * Attended ADAPT phone meeting November 30, 2017.
- * Met with citizen of Stockton Springs interested in town November 30, 2017.
- * Attended Town Council Meeting November 30, 2017.

Upcoming Events:

- * Holiday Lights Parade sponsored by the Town of Bucksport on December 9th
- * Readings with Mrs. Claus at Bookstacks on December 9th
- * Bucksport Middle School Chorus Winter Concert @ BPAC on December 12th
- * Night on the Town sponsored by Main Street Bucksport on December 14th
- * Holiday Photo Booth located at Heart & Soul on December 14th
- * Holiday Fayre at Jewett School Gymnasium on December 16th
- * Bucksport High School Winter Concert @ BPAC on December 21st
- * Community caroling beginning at Verona Wine & Design on December 22nd
- * Community New Year's Eve gathering at Heart & Soul on December 31st
- * New Year's Eve ball drop across from Wahl's Dairy Port on December 31st